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MAG-SORI KA PAG NAHULI KA NA!

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—In the future, public elementary and high school teachers will tell their classes: "Our lesson for today is humility, GMA-style."

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Public is invited to launch PDI's 20th anniversary

THE PHILIPPINE Daily Inquirer launches its 20th founding anniversary today with an invitation to be part of history. Just like the INQUIRER.

Which is why "the power of knowing" is the theme that pulls together the many-splendid activities leading up to Dec. 9, the INQUIR-

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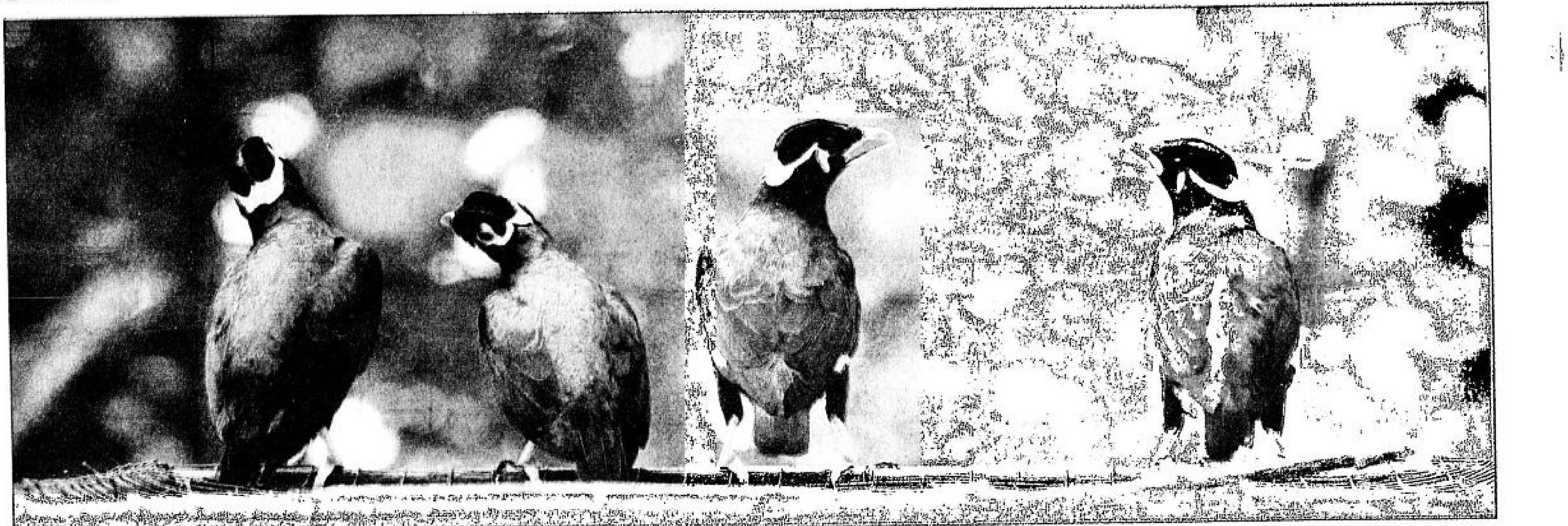

BIRD'S EYE VIEW. Rescued mynah birds find safe haven at the Crocodile Farm and Nature Park Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center in Palawan. The birds were recovered from illegal vendors. REM ZAMORA

Church sets unified stand

Bishops: Options are status quo, to impeach, quit

By Fe Zamora and Jerome Aning

A NUMBER of Roman Catholic bishops have begun informal talks on how the country could extricate itself out of the political crisis facing President Macapagal-Arroyo, a church prelate said yesterday.

Three "perceptions" have emerged from the informal discussions and these are "impeachment, if there is adequate evidence, status quo or resignation," said Caloocan prelate Deogracias Iñiguez, chair of the communications commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines.

The CBCP is expected to come up with what a Church spokesperson said would be "a unified stand" on the political controversy when the bishops hold their plenary meeting in Manila on July 9-10 after a four-day retreat.

Comprising 81 active and 24 retired bishops, the CBCP is holding its annual session to elect a new set of officers.

"The public [wants to know] the mind of the bishops," Iñiguez said.

Iñiguez cautioned against suggestions that the Church was divided on what position to take on Ms Arroyo's admission that she called an election official—widely presumed to be former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano—regarding protecting her votes.

"Just different perceptions," Iñiguez said.

But even with their differing perceptions, Iniguez said most bishops believed the truth about the wiretapped conversations between Ms Arroyo and Garcillano "must be ferreted out in a legal forum."

Peachy Yamsuan, communication officer of the Manila archdiocese, said the bishops wanted "to set a moral tone to the controversy."

"Its not going to be easy. It's not going to be a cut and dried decision," Yamsuan told the INQUIRER.

She said Church consultations would include an assembly at the University of Sto. Tomas on Wednesday to be attended by former President Cory Aquino, and another assembly by the Catholic

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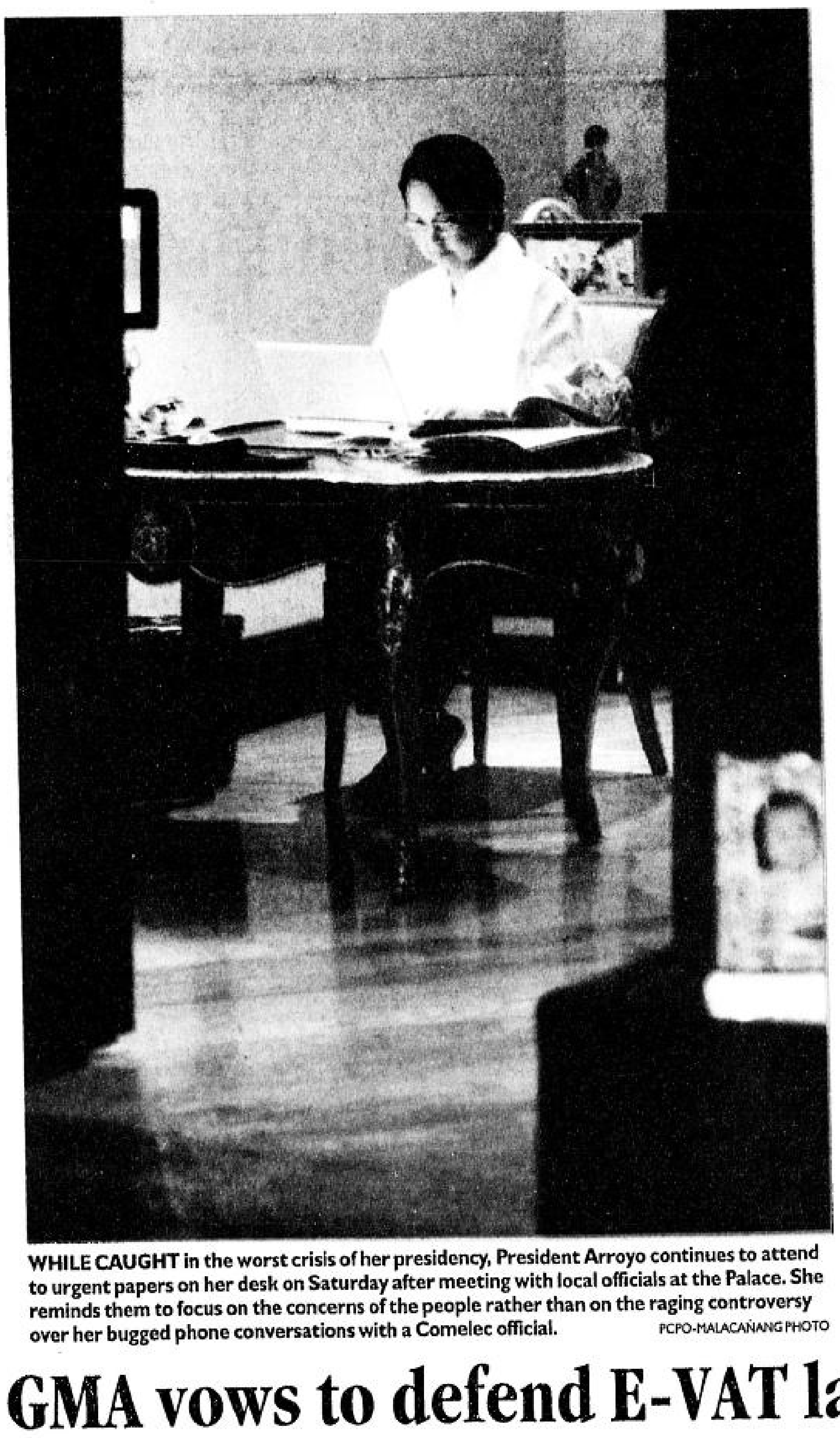

WHILE CAUGHT in the worst crisis of her presidency, President Arroyo continues to attend to urgent papers on her desk on Saturday after meeting with local officials at the Palace. She reminds them to focus on the concerns of the people rather than on the raging controversy over her bugged phone conversations with a Comelec official. PCPO-MALACAÑANG PHOTO

IT expert says GMA could not have won by 1-M votes

By Blanche S. Rivera

THERE was "massive cheating" in the 2004 presidential election to secure President Macapagal-Arroyo's victory or give her a commanding lead, according to an information technology expert who monitored the unofficial tally of the National Citizens Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel).

Roberto Verzola, a volunteer of the Church-based Coalition for Hope, yesterday presented at the Kapihan sa Sulo forum his study of the election asserting that either Ms Arroyo won by 156,000 votes or her closest rival, Fernando Poe Jr., did by less than 84,000.

Either way, the President could not have led the late actor by 1.1 million votes, says the study titled "The True Results of the 2004 Presidential Elections Based on the Namfrel Tally" and published in Kasarinlan, the Philippine Journal of Third World Studies, which has an international audience.

In the final official count, Ms Arroyo had 12.9 million votes, and Poe, 11.78 million.

"To give GMA a 1.1 million margin, her party had to cheat by 1 million to 1.2 million votes. It was a very close contest; that's why the administration had to cheat massively," Verzola said in a statement.

"I'm not sure where or how the cheating happened ... This is just one of the accumulating evidence that there had been widespread fraud in the elections," he said.

Verzola's findings were based on a comparison of the results of Congress' tally of the certificates of canvass (COCs)

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How Cruz met, tested 20 jueteng witnesses

By Christian V. Esguerra

ONE OF those who wanted to testify was a man stricken with cancer. Another, with a more explosive story to tell, was later bribed into silence.

Wise to the ways of men, Archbishop Oscar Cruz thoroughly screened his witnesses before presenting them to the public.

More than 20 people who said they were involved in "jueteng" had sought Cruz's advice and protection—some with stories linking people high up in government.

All feared for their lives.

One of them was Sandra Cam.

For about an hour in Cruz's 25-square-meter office at the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines' compound in Intramuros, Cam ticked off the names of people she had purportedly dealt with.

Armed with bank documents, she recounted how she had allegedly collected payoffs for retired police general Restituto Mosqueda and later delivered payola to Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo and his uncle Rep. Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo.

Arriving at the compound of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines with only a male companion, who was driving her sedan, the distraught Cam first asked for a glass of water, Cruz recalled.

"She was not really crying but she was very nervous," he told the INQUIRER. "She was worried about herself and her family."

When Cam began talking, the bishop said it didn't take long for him to realize that she was telling the truth.

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GMA vows to defend E-VAT law before SC

By Gil C. Cabancungan Jr. and Ronnel W. Domingo

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said she would "vigorously" work to defend the expanded value-added tax law before the Supreme Court as business leaders yesterday warned that a prolonged delay in the E-VAT's implementation could plunge the country deeper into crisis.

The President said she respected the court decision but would ask to reverse the temporary restraining order it had issued which suspended implementation of the law just hours after it came into effect last Friday.

"The executive branch will immediately seek a reconsideration of the decision and get our fiscal agenda back on track as soon as possible," the President said in a statement.

"We shall defend our case for the economy with the same vigor and resolve for the passage of the law in Congress. We are confident the rule of law is on our side," said Ms Arroyo of her latest setback as she battles calls for her to step down amid accusations that she rigged the 2004 presidential elections and that her close relatives accepted bribes from illegal gambling.

The President lobbied long and hard for

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Central and Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of Luzon will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.
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Resign, UP law tutors urge GMA

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE COUNTRY'S law experts yesterday said President Macapagal-Arroyo committed a culpable violation of the Constitution and betrayal of the public trust which are impeachable offenses and should resign.

Faculty members of the UP College of Law voted on Friday afternoon to call for the President's resignation after an almost three-hour meeting marred by long debates, a source said.

"The UP College of Law voted overwhelmingly that she (Arroyo) committed impeachable offenses, and she should resign," the source, who was present at the meeting, told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Ms Arroyo admitted in a televised statement Monday night that she had committed "a lapse in judgment" when she called an election official during the canvassing of votes for last year's presidential elections.

Members of the UP law faculty convened at the college from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday. It was an open meeting that was well-attended, the source said.

The voting, however, was not unanimous. "There were lawyers associated with the President," said the source, who declined to be named.

He said initial debates were centered on whether the UP College of Law should be involved in the current political controversies hounding the President.

Another hotly-debated issue was the text of the faculty's official statement calling for Ms Arroyo's resignation.

A committee was assigned to draft the full text of the resolution which would be released Monday afternoon.

If Ms Arroyo is charged with culpable violation of the Constitution and betrayal of public trust, she would face the same fate as her ousted predecessor, Joseph Estrada.

During the impeachment trial of Estrada in 2000, the UP College of Law called for his resignation and for Congress to act swiftly on the impeachment case.

The UP College of Law has 24 registered faculty members and 48 lecturers, according to its website.

The Free Legal Assistance Group likewise said the President violated Republic Act No. 6713, or the Code of Conduct for Public Officers and Employees, when she communicated with a Commission on Elections official concerning her votes.

"It is improper for a Chief Executive to call a Comelec commissioner while Congress is still canvassing the votes, especially where the discussion concerns her votes as a presidential candidate in that election," FLAG president Jose Manuel Diokno said in a statement.

"It is the same as a party approaching a judge while a case is pending, and asking the judge about the outcome of the case," he said.

Diokno said Ms Arroyo could not use the excuse that the votes had already been counted because the winner of the presidential and vice presidential contests had not yet been declared by Congress.

In Davao City, the National Democratic Front (NDF) in Mindanao expects the President to be out of office sooner than later.

Jorge Madlos, NDF spokesperson, said Ms Arroyo's downfall could happen in the next few weeks.

The Initiatives for Peace in Mindanao (InPeace Mindanao) said Mindanaoans should express the loudest outrage over Ms Arroyo's "cheating in the 2004 elections because it was Mindanao that was the decisive factor for her fraudulent electoral mandate."

Lawyer Beverly Selim Musni, InPeace convenor, said the President "insulted the people of Mindanao the most and had used them to falsely claim victory in the elections."

In Zamboanga City, most members of the opposition-dominated Sangguniang Panlungsod said Ms Arroyo has lost her credibility to run the country.

In Eastern Visayas, party-list Rep. Florencio Noel of An Waray and different militant groups said she had lost the "integrity" and "moral ascendancy" to govern the country.

Militant and cause-oriented groups in Eastern Visayas will launch a series of mass actions to drum up their call for the President's resignation. *With reports from Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Jolene R. Bulambot and Joey A. Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Survey says GMA trust rating -31%

FORTY-eight percent of Metro Manila residents said they had little trust in President Macapagal-Arroyo, while 17 percent said they had much trust in her, for a poor net trust rating of minus 31, pollster Social Weather Stations said in its latest poll.

The survey of 526 respondents was carried out by telephone on June 28-30, or at least a day after Ms Arroyo's television statement that she had talked with an official of the Commission on Election regarding protecting her votes in the May 2004 polls.

No closure

When asked if—as Ms Arroyo asked—the political controversy over the supposed wiretapped conversations between her and who was believed to be former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano should be ended, only 20 percent agreed, while 77 percent wanted some things done, according to SWS.

When those who wanted some things done were asked what they wanted done, the most popular answer—given by 26 percent—was more investigation or "find the truth."

18 percent say 'Resign'

The second most popular answer, given by 18 percent, said Ms Arroyo should resign.

Other demands were: Air the tapes in public, 13 percent; impeach Ms Arroyo, 7 percent, and have an election, 6 percent.

Only two people wanted People Power, while one person wanted a recount of the votes.

Asked if Vice President Noli de Castro would be capable or incapable of running the government if Ms Arroyo resigned or was removed from office, 48 percent called him capable while 29 percent said he was incapable, the survey said.

Another 21 said they were undecided.

Little trust in Comelec

On whether the Comelec can conduct forthcoming elections in a clean and orderly manner, 41 percent said they little trust in the poll body, while 14 percent said they had much trust, giving the Comelec a poor net trust rating of -27, according to SWS.

Forty-three percent were undecided.

Reacting to Ms Arroyo's statement that she had spoken, to a Comelec official, 59 percent believed that she told the official to cheat and was not just trying "to protect her votes," the poll said.

Twenty-nine percent of respondents said she was protecting her votes, and the rest said they didn't know.

Many heard tape

The survey found that 492 or 94 percent had been following the news on the controversial tapes.

Thirty-two percent of the 492 had already listened to the tapes, and a total of 40 percent had either listened to or at least read a transcript of the tapes, according to SWS.

Sixty-eight percent of the 492 said they had personally heard Ms Arroyo's full televised address over television or radio, or else had read it in full in the newspapers. *Ruben Alabastro*

TOP STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS
The Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines received their awards Friday from President Macapagal-Arroyo (center) in Malacañang. They were, from left, Bryan T. Lim, Mehlan Josol, Jeffrey Mora, Kip Oebanda, Kiran Tina Vaswani, Anna Theresa Licaros, Butch Saulon, Beauregard Cheng, Joseph Patrick Echevarria and Bryan Ty. Behind are Leonardo Tanlu of the Rotary Club of Makati Central, Marie C. Young of RFM Foundation, Jose Concepcion III and Jose Concepcion Jr. of RFM Corp., Carlito Puno of CHEd and Alfredo Ramos of National Bookstore, the sponsors of the project. RUDY ESPERAS

First Gentleman flying to US Tuesday

By Nikko Dizon

FIRST Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo, who left on Thursday for Hong Kong, is arriving back in Manila today but will be leaving again on Tuesday, this time for the United States.

"He's leaving for the States on Tuesday, not Wednesday as had been reported," a well-placed source at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) told the INQUIRER yesterday.

The source did not divulge details of the First Gentleman's flight on Tuesday.

The source said Arroyo would most likely arrive alone tonight at around 8 p.m. on board PAL flight PR 307 from Hong Kong.

Arroyo left for the former British colony with his younger son, Diosdado, the latter's wife, Maria Victoria, and the couple's young daughter, Eva Victoria.

Arroyo's departure on Thursday was thought to be the start of the self-exile that his wife, President Macapagal-Arroyo, had announced last week as her family's personal sacrifice to allow her to continue to govern the country without distractions.

There are mounting calls for the President to resign following her admission that she had talked on the phone with an election official during the canvassing of votes for last year's elections. The conversations had been wiretapped and the President apologized for the transgression.

The First Gentleman, on the other hand, has been accused of taking payoffs from "jueteng" lords, along with his elder son, Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, and younger brother, Rep. Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo. All three have denied the accusations.

From Hong Kong, however, Arroyo denied he had gone into exile, but he admitted he was planning to leave for abroad again after returning to Manila, the South China Morning Post reported Saturday.

Arroyo told the paper that news reports saying he had gone into self-exile were "confused." But he said he would stay in Hong Kong "for a few days," return to Manila and "go abroad again." He did not say how long he would be in Manila before heading overseas or where he planned to go.

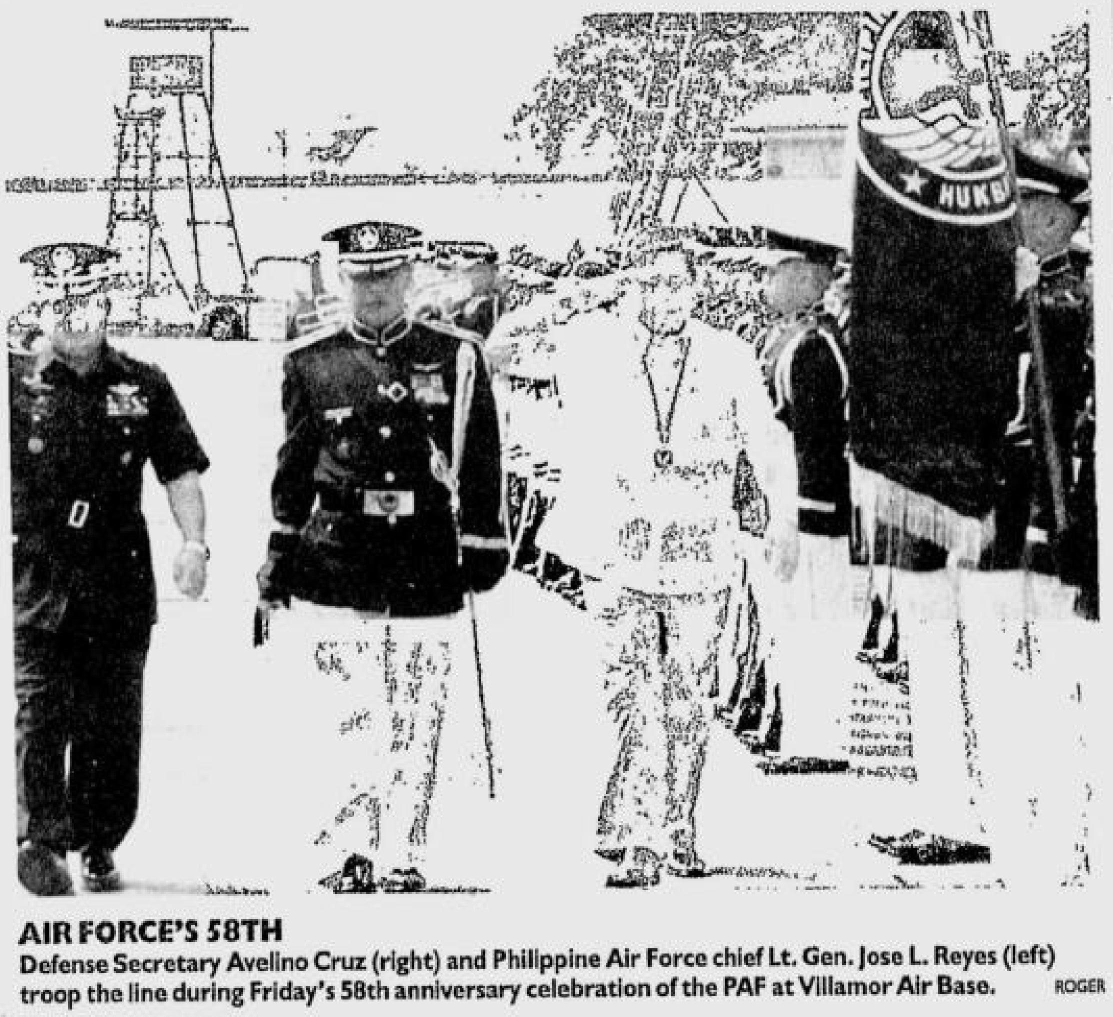
"I do not know. We are here on a private visit," he was quoted as saying in the Post.

His quick trip to the Philippines is believed to have something to do with the subpoena issued by the Sandiganbayan which summoned him to testify in the plunder trial of former President Joseph Estrada.

He is scheduled to testify on Monday reportedly on meetings he and his wife, who was then the Vice President, held with military generals one year before Estrada left office.

The Arroyos are reportedly staying at a luxury hotel in Hong Kong. Calls to Noel Novicio, the vice consul at the Philippine consulate in Hong Kong, went unanswered Saturday.

Novicio confirmed Friday that Arroyo was in Hong Kong for a private visit, but said the consulate was not informed about details of his trip. *With an AP report*



AIR FORCE'S 58TH
Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz (right) and Philippine Air Force chief Lt. Gen. Jose L. Reyes (left) troop the line during Friday's 58th anniversary celebration of the PAF at Villamor Air Base. ROGER MARGALLO

Heart of Sin remembered

By Madonna T. Virola
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

CITY OF CALAPAN—Oriental Mindoro Bishop Warlito Cajandig remembers losing P20 when he was a high school freshman at the St. Pius X Seminary in Roxas City.

And he also remembers that, with the intention of consoling him, the then 30-year-old rector Fr. Jaime Sin got P20 from the donation box under the statue of the Sacred Heart in the seminary's lobby and gave it to him.

"His was a sympathetic heart," Cajandig said of Cardinal Sin, who died on June 21 after a lingering illness. "We'll miss a real hero of the country and a true leader of the Church."

Cajandig spoke with the INQUIRER before traveling to Manila to attend Sin's funeral on June 27.

"At first I could not believe [that he had died] because it was the second time I received such news while I was celebrating Mass," Cajandig said.

It was Sin who consecrated Cajandig as a bishop on June 21, 1989, in Manila.

"He was very understanding and intelligent, even if he was not schooled in a Manila university. He taught us Spanish, Latin, etc.," Cajandig said.

'The Glorified Sin'

The bishop gave the INQUIRER a copy of the speech he delivered in March 1999 during the silver-anniversary celebration of his episcopacy at the Roxas Cathedral.

In the speech titled "The Glorified Sin," Cajandig cited "Sin-related events" that were replete with lessons—the hidden treasures of his memory:

"One day when he returned to the seminary from Roxas City, he discovered that he had no money for the fare; he borrowed money from a seminarian to pay the taxi driver. His is a detachment-spirited heart!

"Once when he heard that my mother was sick, very, very sick, he immediately explored the possibility of having her airlifted to Manila through the Air Force for medication. His is a kind heart!

"Those college days when we were young dreamers, we used to dream dreams that could never have been. We were idealists—we tried to reach stars that were unreachable; we were quixotic—we contemplated [having] an ideal seminary.

"Thus we organized the MUS—Movement for Utopian Seminary—which experienced opposition, persecution and tribulation. But he was always there to be a Sancho Panza for us with his encouragement, help and support. His is a very understanding heart!

Signature laugh

"During those seminary days when we were tired and weary, troubled and confused, crushed and defeated, he would crack jokes, energizing and lifting up our sagging spirit with his signature laughter that reverberated in the whole seminary."

Cajandig listed Sin's qualities: mercy and sympathy, kindness and generosity, understanding and joy, and goodness, gentleness and graciousness.

"[He was] to us a shepherd formator, teacher, father, brother, friend rolled into one," the bishop said.

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and Namfrel's tally of the election returns (ERs).

Congress completed tallying the COCs, but Namfrel, the poll watchdog group accredited by the Commission on Elections, tallied only 83 percent of the ERs.

Verzola was assigned by the Coalition for Hope, another poll watchdog group, to monitor the Namfrel tally. He was a Namfrel volunteer in the 1992 elections.

Mindanao vote

He holds a degree in electrical engineering from the University of the Philippines and has written a book on the political economy of information. He is now a campaigner for sustainable technologies with Philippine Greens, an environmentalist group.

The discrepancies in the Namfrel and Congress tallies showed that cheating affected 600,000 votes in Mindanao, Verzola said at the forum.

This accounts for 8.4 percent of the total 7.14 million votes counted for Mindanao, he said.

Citing the discrepancies in the Namfrel and Congress results, Verzola said the provinces in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao showed the biggest vote-shaving or -padding.

He said the discrepancy in Basilan, for example, represented 75 percent of the votes cast; 65.4 percent in Sultan Kudarat; 58 percent in Lanao del Sur; 41.3 percent in Sulu; 35.9 percent in Tawi-Tawi; 18.7 percent in Maguindanao, and 16.2 percent in Lanao del Norte.

"In the ARMM, an FPJ win with a 19.2-percent margin became a GMA win with a 31.3-percent margin. This implies an equivalent *dagdag-bawas* of 252 votes per thousand," the study said.

Provinces in the ARMM were mentioned in the allegedly wiretapped conversations between Ms Arroyo and an election official said to be Comelec Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano, with the President asking whether she would lead by one million votes.

Other findings

Verzola's study also found that:

- In Central Mindanao, Poe's 20.5-percent margin was shaved to 7 percent, an equivalent *dagdag-bawas* rate of 68 votes per thousand.
- In the Cordillera Administrative Region, Ms Arroyo's 9.3-percent margin went up to 13.4 percent, equivalent to 20 *dagdag-bawas* votes per thousand.
- In Northern Mindanao, Poe's 3.0-percent margin went down to .8 percent in favor of Ms Arroyo, equivalent to 19 *dagdag-bawas* votes per thousand.
- In Western Mindanao, Ms Arroyo's 4.9-percent margin went up to 8.6 percent, equivalent to 19 *dagdag-bawas* votes per thousand.
- In Central Luzon, the discrepancy was in favor of Poe, increasing his margin from 2.3 percent to 4.9 percent, implying an equivalent of 13 *dagdag-bawas* votes per thousand.

More credible

Nationwide, Namfrel tallied a 2.6-percent edge by Ms Arroyo compared with Congress' tally of 3.5 percent.

In Bicol and Metro Manila, the tallies by Congress and Namfrel matched, according to Verzola's study.

In cases when they did not match, the ERs given to Namfrel were more credible than the COCs because the ERs were more difficult to tamper with, the study said.

Apart from numbering more than 216,000 compared with only 180 COCs, the ERs were prepared by teachers in full public view.

"It makes less sense doctoring a tally which is unofficial, anyway," the study said.

"The Namfrel count is closer to the truth ..." Verzola said at the forum.

But he said Namfrel was also guilty of trending because it tallied the ERs from Ms Arroyo's known bailiwicks first.

'All true'

While administration lawmakers prepare to end the House inquiry into the "Gloriagate" tape, the opposition is bent on proving that Ms Arroyo's phone conversations with an election official to rig the 2004 polls were "all true."

House Minority Leader Francis Escudero said the opposition did not intend to impeach Ms Arroyo but would continue to call for her resignation until the public realizes "the truth" about those conversations.

"We will show in the coming days that all the things that President Arroyo and Commissioner Garcillano talked about really happened during the elections," Escudero said in a press conference at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City.

He said the ARMM provinces mentioned in the conversations were the same provinces that the opposition had complained about during the vote canvass.

Escudero said they had challenged then National Board of Canvassers chairs Raul Gonzalez and Francis Pangilinan to open just one ER from any of these provinces to prove that there was cheating.

"These were the first six provinces that we were choosing from. We told them to choose from one of these six ARMM provinces that were mentioned and talked about in the tape," he said. "But instead of granting our motion, we were just given the answer 'Noted.'"

Other versions

Escudero said the opposition would present its evidence after the House wraps up its inquiry.

But he called on the majority not to end the hearings without playing the versions in the hands of former National Bureau of Investigation Deputy Director Samuel Ong and Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye.

He said the opposition also wanted to hear the testimony of Ong, the generals mentioned in the tape, former Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Narciso Abaya and Justice Secretary Gonzalez. *With a report from Philip C. Tubeza*

RESTORING FAITH IN DEMOCRACY

It pains us to speak at this time, but, as a network of Catholic educational institutions committed to the Lasallian Mission of *teaching minds, touching hearts* and *transforming lives*, it behooves us to let our collective thoughts be heard by our people, most especially the young who are entrusted to our care.

Our nation is beset anew by a serious and profound political crisis. The turmoil is spurred by allegations of fraud and deceit leveled against our nation's Chief Executive, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Though the charges have yet to be proven and we cannot discount the possibility that these allegations are orchestrated by forces with selfish interests, the present political turbulence has brought a heavy cloud of uncertainty over our already troubled nation.

The on-going congressional investigation and the President's admission of a lapse in judgment have not quelled the restiveness of our people. We fear that there are groups that will exploit the increasing instability to further their political ambitions. As Christians, we humbly accept the President's offer of apology, but also wish to respectfully remind her that it is imperative that she provide our people with a more substantive explanation and more convincing proof that indeed she did not in any way participate in electoral fraud. Anything less puts her legitimacy in question. It is also imperative that, as a people, we demand the same from our COMELEC officials and all other government and non-government organizations responsible for the conduct of the past elections.

We must restore our people's faith in the Presidency and in the democratic process. This will most certainly require the full exercise of leadership that our President alone could effect. We would like to believe that she was sincere when she expressed her commitment to make a personal sacrifice for the nation's interest. **We now pray her to bring it to full fruition — the supreme sacrifice of surrendering personal want, comfort and position. We pray her to voluntarily relinquish power so that a constitutional process of succession may proceed.**

We firmly believe that moral ascendancy is a critical ingredient in effective governance, and that even if she stays in Office for the next five years, she will be unable to realistically command the respect of the nation. While lapses in judgment may be acceptable in some other circumstances, we cannot agree that a phone call to a COMELEC official is a case of mere impropriety, especially since the right of suffrage is the cornerstone of democracy. Precisely because she took on the mantle of leadership at a time when the nation was looking for greater accountability and transparency, it is even more incumbent upon her to be without reproach.

But even as we ask her to give up her post voluntarily, we must, however, **reject all other extra-constitutional solutions to this present crisis or any other means which may lead to violence.** We must adhere to the rule of law and allow the constitutional succession process to be refined and perfected so that the next generation of leaders may restore our people's faith in our political institutions. The challenge for us now is to find other creative options that we can pursue within the parameters set by the Constitution which can allow for a smooth transition without having to resort to another popular uprising which, at this time, may only contribute to further political destabilization.

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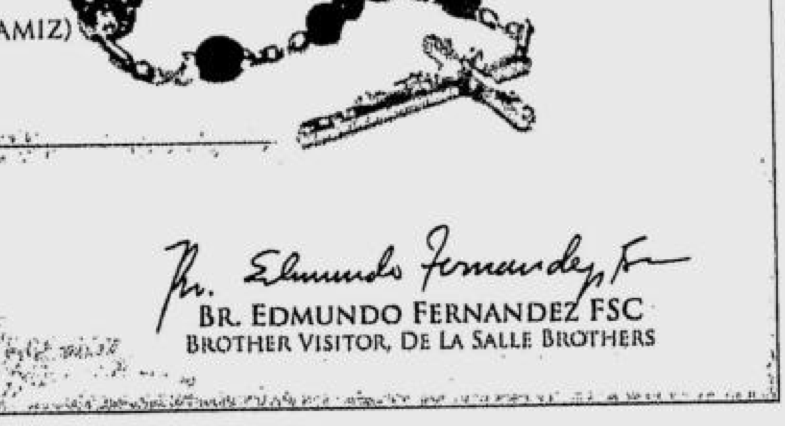

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Before he talked with Cam, Cruz said he had already arranged for safe houses in Metro Manila. That was where she went the day after they talked.

Soon, Cam was telling her story to a Senate inquiry panel—and to the nation.

Cruz said all of the witnesses on his list had sought him out themselves, convinced he was honest in his campaign to stamp out an insidious illegal numbers game which had allegedly grown into a P13-billion industry under President Macapagal-Arroyo.

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The first of Cruz's witnesses was Wilfredo "Boy" Mayor, who outlined before senators how jueteng operators like him reaped millions in the Bicol area.

Then came Richard Garcia and Demosthenes Riva, both confessed bagmen.

Screening process

Cruz, who heads the Krusadang Bayan Laban sa Jueteng, said Mayor, Garcia and Riva all had to pass his rigorous screening process—they first had to write him a letter containing their reasons for wanting to testify and detailing their knowledge of jueteng operations.

Then they had to execute affidavits and preserve their stories on video tape.

When the witnesses actually met Cruz, they had to tell their stories all over again. And the bishop was ready for them—alert for inconsistencies in their accounts and suggestions of insincerity in the way they spoke and in their body language.

Cruz said he dropped at least 15 volunteer witnesses for failing to meet the standards he set.

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A Canon Law expert and a long-time justice in the ecclesiastical court, Cruz said he had significant experience in dealing with testimonies.

BISHOP CRUZ: Wise to ways of men

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After arranging to meet Cruz somewhere in Metro Manila, the man backed out.

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More recently, Cruz lost a provincemate of the President who purportedly had knowledge of how jueteng money helped fund her electoral campaigns in the past. A ranking government official, the man backed out, giving no clear reason why.

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The INQUIRER learned later that the man was a Cabinet undersecretary.

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To answer this more clearly, consider cars. Have you ever seen a race car tank up in your neighborhood gasoline station? Aside from the obvious fact that race cars aren't street legal so you'll never see them driving around your village, they also use special fuel. Race cars use high octane fuel, making engines perform with greater power.

The same is true in your mind and body. Your blood and your bloodstreams are your body's fuel lines while oxygen is the fuel. The greater the amount of oxygen in your blood, the more optimum is your performance. Muscles won't tire out easily. Your heart, kidneys and liver perform more efficiently. With more oxygen getting into the brain, you increase your alertness and your overall mental faculties improve.

So how do I increase oxygen in my blood?

Obviously, improving your aerobic efficiency should do the trick. The more you get used to exercise, the more efficient your body becomes at absorbing and delivering oxygen to your muscles and to your brain. But there is a limit to this. You can only exercise so much and let's face the facts. These days, unless you're a professional athlete, it's impossible to dedicate a large portion of your time to doing sports or exercise.

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In East Asia, a plant root has been held in such high regard for its stimulating effect. The Japanese call it the "wonder of the universe", while the Koreans regard it as the "root of life." It's ginseng. From the Chinese term "Jen Shen" which means "the power of earth in human form."

Such mythical metaphors on ginseng is not without basis. For what East Asians have always known for the last 2000 years of using it is now being proven by modern science.

In study after study, ginseng has been found to significantly increase oxygen uptake in the brain and body. Forgo (1985) proved that ginseng resulted in a 26% increase in oxygen transport capacity of the heart. Shaepdael (1993) likewise showed that shifting from ginseng to placebo decreases oxygenation, while shifting from placebo to ginseng increases oxygenation.

But not all ginseng are created equal.

Yes, there is a scientific basis to the mythical powers of ginseng. But let this not compel you to start planting ginseng in your garden and hope to become Superman in time.

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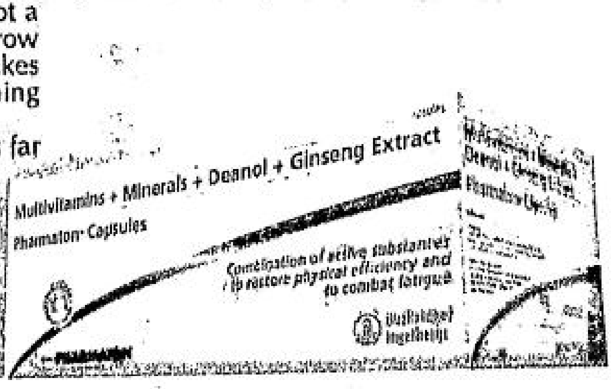
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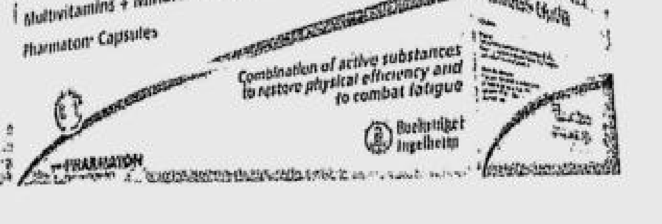
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Church sets unified stand

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Educators Association of the Philippines (CEAP) on the same day.

The CEAP membership includes about 100 Catholic schools nationwide.

Yamsuan said she expected the controversy facing Ms Arroyo to be discussed in the CBCP meeting.

"I would like to believe that some of the bishops are already consulting with each other," she said.

Iñiguez was among three bishops—along with Julio Xavier Labayen and Antonio Tobias—who issued a joint statement the other day calling on Ms Arroyo to resign, saying she had lost her "moral and legal authority" to govern.

Iñiguez said their statement was supported by three other Church prelates.

Early voices

Separately, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales issued a pastoral letter read in Manila churches yesterday which said that Ms Arroyo's plea for forgiveness was not enough and that those seeking forgiveness "should be ready to be called to accountability."

In Iloilo City, Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo called on his flock to hold prayers, penitential processions and fasting "to seek light" amid the political crisis the country was facing.

He also called on the Catholic faithful to pray that Ms Arroyo "may be open to the true solution of 'lost credibility...'"

In Cagayan de Oro City, the highest ranking official of the Philippine Independent Church (PIC) joined calls for the resignation of Ms Arroyo.

Most Rev. Godofredo David, PIC Supreme Bishop, urged the church's followers to demand that she step down.

David, in a letter sent to all PIC churches on Tuesday, said the President "does not have anymore the moral ascendancy to lead the people."

A critical period

"This week is a critical phase for the hierarchy," activist priest Fr. Roberto Reyes said in a phone interview.

Reyes also said that the choice among the bishops on who would be the next CBCP president would give "a clearer picture on what course the Church is going to take regarding the Gloriagate scandal."

An outspoken critic of the government, Reyes said he thought there was already a consensus among many bishops that "justice must be served" on Ms Arroyo.

He said his personal stand was that "the principle of restorative justice must be applied."

"Her penance should be to make the greatest sacrifice—resigning and initiating a process to a transition government whose leaders should be more competent and moral," he added.

According to Reyes, bishops would want to fill the role vacated by the late Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, who was a moral force behind two bloodless revolutions that resulted in the toppling of two presidents.

Someone like Sin

Reyes agreed, however, that the circumstances of the current crisis were more complex and needed greater discernment.

Reyes called on the faithful to pray that the next CBCP president would have a "Sin-like" leadership style "to guide us during these morally confusing and chaotic times."

"We need our leader to exercise dynamic political engagement aided by discernment. If Sin were alive today, we would have had three or four statements by now regarding the present political situation," he told the INQUIRER.

He described the initial response of Catholic Church leaders to the Gloriagate scandal as "slightly slow" and "too quiet."

Prelates should act quickly as a group and not adopt a "wait-and-see" attitude, he said.

Who will lead?

The incumbent CBCP president, Davao Archbishop Fernando Capalla, is reportedly not seeking reelection, although he is entitled to a second two-year term. Still, he would be an automatic candidate.

The current vice president, Arcbhishop Lagdameo, is reportedly a strong contender.

Reyes said a CBCP election resembles a papal conclave in that the Holy Spirit is invoked in selecting the president. Unlike in the conclave, however, there are formal nominations in the CBCP election.

Elections being political in nature and the prelates being human, it was expected that there would be subgroups pushing for individual candidates who have particular stands on the present condition of Church and its relations with the State, Reyes explained.

Iñiguez, Labayen and Tobias are active in calling for economic reforms and moral leadership. Archbishop Oscar Cruz, meanwhile, continues his crusade against the illegal numbers game "jueteng."

The CEAP assembly is to be held at De La Salle University (DLSU) on Taft Avenue.

In 2000, CEAP issued a statement calling for the resignation of President Joseph Estrada for allegedly collecting payoffs from jueteng. *With reports from Alcuin Papa; Nestor P. Burgos Jr. and Raj Padilla, PDI Visayas Bureau; Grace C. Albasin, Michael F. Sarcauga, Dennis Jay Santos and Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

GMA vows to defend E-VAT law before SC

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Congress to approve several tax measures, including the E-VAT, to solve the country's worsening fiscal problems.

But business leaders said all her efforts would be for naught if the opposition legislators who brought the petition before the high court succeed in obtaining a permanent injunction against the E-VAT.

'Devastating'

Former Finance Secretary Ramon del Rosario Jr. said the tribunal's order was "devastating as it derails the administration's economic reform programs."

Major business groups—the Makati Business Club, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Federation of Philippine Industries—said the court's move would negatively affect the country's credit standing, the value of the peso and the performance of the stock and bond markets.

"The E-VAT is a key factor for credit rating agencies to look at the Philippines more positively. This will cause ripples in the markets and we will see this on Monday," said PCCI president Donald Dee.

Populist decision

"We see it as a populist decision on the part of the Supreme Court and a reaction to the political crisis. But I hope we can resolve this before we get a downgrade," said Sergio Ortiz-Luis, president of the Philippine Exporters Federation.

The expanded VAT, which will now cover fuel and electricity sales, was the centerpiece of Ms Arroyo's fiscal reform agenda as it would have brought in the most revenues.

Darker prospects

"Progress in addressing our fiscal problems was one bright spot in the current Philippine story. With this in question, the economy faces even darker prospects," said Del Rosario who chairs the Philippine-US Business Council.

The E-VAT's implementation was crucial as it would have brought in as much P100 billion a year in new revenues, especially if the President exercises her option to raise the VAT rate from 10 to 12 percent next year.

"The President and her team must muster all their resources to put the E-VAT back on track. Failure will reinforce the suspicion that the administration's ability to govern is seriously compromised," said Del Rosario.

Guillermo Luz, MBC executive director, said in a telephone interview the TRO did not speak well of the legislative process and governance in the country.

"This will revive the argument that laws and policies cannot be decided with finality [in the Philippines]," he said.

He said the E-VAT had gone through different forums in Congress, through deliberations in the House, the Senate and the congressional bicameral committee.

"When a law is passed, oppositors are supposed to have exhausted all means for their objections," he said.

The President signed last May the controversial measure which ended the VAT exemptions of several industries, such as power, electricity, air and sea transport.

Its brief implementation on Friday resulted in immediate increases in the prices of fuel, electricity, toll rates and airline travel.

July 26 hearing

Opposition legislators, along with certain transport sectors, filed a petition with the Supreme Court to suspend the law. The court has summoned the government to a hearing on July 26 to discuss the petition.

Dee said the suspension of the E-VAT would cast doubts on the government's ability to address pressing economic and fiscal issues.

"We supported the E-VAT because we saw the need for it considering the situation of the economy," Dee said.

Some business executives doubt whether an embattled President would be able to muster the same effort that she did in pushing for the passage of the E-VAT.

"I think that the President herself would be ambivalent on this issue because she would not want to be seen pushing strongly for an increase in prices. It could only add to her current problems," said Ortiz-Luis.

While the court hears arguments on the petition to nullify the law, the President said the government would intensify its revenue generation efforts on all fronts to offset the effects of the TRO on fiscal targets.

The government expected the budget deficit target to go down to P160 billion from P187 billion this year, with the revenues from the E-VAT.

'Separability clause'

FPI president Jesus Arranza said the high court should have suspended only those parts of the law that the petitioners were questioning.

"If they were objecting to Congress giving power to the President to decide on matters of taxes, only that provision should have been stopped instead of the entire law," Arranza said.

"The separability clause assures that even if one part of the law is taken out, the rest would be able to stand," Arranza said.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said he had asked the Office of the Solicitor General to work on a motion for reconsideration which the OSG would file next week.

"We are going to file an MR and petition the SC to lift the TRO, that's the only thing we can do for now," he said.

As for the chances of reversing the court's 13-2 decision, Gonzalez said "nobody can dictate to the court."

GMA stunned

Gonzalez said it was the big number of SC justices who voted for the issuance of a TRO and the speed with which they issued it that stunned the President and the Cabinet.

He said he agreed with the dissenting votes of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. and Associate Justice Reynato Puno who argued that the "collection of taxes cannot be enjoined, being the lifeblood of the nation."

The Constitution says that "the power to tax includes the power to destroy. The survival of the republic depends on taxes," Gonzalez said.

The opposition legislators who brought the petition against the E-VAT before the court yesterday dismissed rumors that Malacañang had a hand in the court's issuance of a TRO or that it was done to defuse public anger over the "jueteng" and tape controversies.

Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos said she believed the court had "good intentions in issuing the TRO and the Palace did not intervene."

House Minority Leader Francis Escudero said that "as long as there is no concrete evidence [that Malacañang intervened], we are not going to cast any doubt on the high court's decision". *With reports from Armand Nocum and Philip C. Tubeza*

Public ...

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ER's 20th birthday.

Today's opening salvo at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati starts with Mass at 10:30 a.m. to be celebrated by Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD. It segues into a day-long fest of fun and games, prizes and surprises.

Activities include trivia games with prizes galore; a fashion makeover; career consultations and a mini-job fair; a mini-golf and a basketball shooting contest. The kids have their own lineup of fun and games.

By the way, prizes will go to anyone who can sing the new, catchy INQUIRER jingle, which will be the background music during the festivities.

Guests and mall-goers may take a peek at the INQUIRER front page gallery and also try their luck in a VTR screen test. They can visit the reading/lounge area and get to meet INQUIRER personalities, if any.

At 3 p.m., INQUIRER Chair Marixi R. Prieto and INQUIRER president and CEO Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez will lead in the unveiling of the newspaper's 20th anniversary logo.

20 Guyitos

Twenty fiberglass sculptures of "Guyito," the INQUIRER's mascot, will be on parade. The Guyitos done by noted sculptor Juan Sajid Imao will be painted over by equally noted artists. The 20 artists are Malang, Bencab, Kidlat Tahimik, Buds Convocar, Lydia Velasco, Soler, Fernando Sena, SteveSantos, Bing Siochi, Caña, Ernesto Patricio, Roel Obemio, Romeo Forbes, Anton Balao, Bin Samonte, Jef Samonte, Rex Tatlonghari, Tres Roman, Jack Salud and Wilfredo Nolasco Offemaria Jr.

The painted sculptures will be unveiled on Dec. 5 and donated to 20 selected cities and schools nationwide. Along with the sculptures, an INQUIRER reading nook will be be constructed in the chosen schools, and a Leadership Award conferred on a deserving graduating high school student of the school.

Regine V., Ai Ai, etc.

A musical concert featuring Regine Velasquez, Ai Ai de las Alas, Nyoy Volante, The Company, Parokya ni Edgar and True Faith, among others, will cap the day-long event.

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Soon in schools ...

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According to Education Secretary Florencio Abad, President Macapagal-Arroyo's televised apology and her efforts to do penance may very well be part of class discussions in public schools throughout the country.

Abad disclosed this yesterday after the INQUIRER asked if there was any educational value in Ms Arroyo's public apology and admission that she called up an election official last year, as revealed in the "Gloriagate" audio tapes.

"I guess the important lesson we can draw here is if you make a mistake, you own up to the mistake. That's a good lesson for our students, especially coming from the highest official of the land," he said.

High educational value

Ms Arroyo, Abad noted, did not just stop at saying sorry. "By way of penance, [she did] not just own up to a lapse in judgment but [promised] to do things to restore [public] trust and confidence in [her] leadership as well as in [her] administration," he said.

This definitely has high educational value in terms of teaching lessons to children, Abad said. This "lesson" could be integrated in classroom discussions in public schools since "one of the things the President had emphasized, and which we have allocated separate subjects for, was values formation [in elementary] and values education [in high school]," he added.

This could easily be taken up by teachers because "it's a national event, it's being talked about every day, and it is something that can be discussed in class from which you can draw the lesson," the education secretary said.

Abad, who talked to reporters after the education summit organized by the City of San Fernando yesterday, said the "jueteng" and wiretapping scandals hounding the Arroyo administration would be resolved in a matter of a "few days, weeks or months."

Defusing tensions

He added that the political turmoil would be settled "preferably in a way that will keep this government together and enable it to pursue the necessary reforms that our society has been demanding."

According to Abad, "Certain steps have been undertaken by our President to try to calm down our people and defuse the [tense] situation."

He said the apology and the subsequent painful decisions Ms Arroyo had made with respect to some members of her family and the expected substantial and very decisive reforms she was expected to make, "should defuse political tension and get us back on the road to good governance."

Country's future

The crisis in education, Abad noted, was even more serious than the present political crisis and "we ought to continue paying attention to this problem."

The future of the country, in his assessment, lies with the public educational system where 93 percent of elementary school students and 85 percent of high school students are enrolled this year.

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Bomber kills 20 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD—A suicide bomber killed up to 20 people and wounded at least 21 at a police recruitment center in Baghdad on Saturday, while across town an angry crowd of Shiites buried a senior cleric gunned down by insurgents.

The bombing was the worst in Iraq in at least six days after a relative lull in the Sunni Arab insurgency against US forces and the Shiite- and Kurdish-led government in Baghdad.

A senior Interior Ministry source said 20 people had been killed and the death toll could rise.

Twelve bodies lay under sheets surrounded by wailing relatives in a courtyard at the nearby Yarmuk hospital.

Doctors there said they were also treating 21 wounded, many of them in serious condition. Others may have been treated elsewhere and some bodies may have been collected by families at the scene.

The Interior Ministry source said the bomber wore an explosive vest beneath civilian clothes when he approached the Interior Ministry's special forces recruitment center in the Mansour district of western Baghdad.

The same recruitment center, near the Green Zone government and diplomatic compound, has been targeted by bombers several times in the past. An Interior Ministry source said recruits had been told to come on Saturday, normally a nonworking day, in an effort to fox the insurgents and protect the volunteers.

"Apparently the precaution did not work," he said.

Suicide bombings and car bombs have become the deadliest tactic in violence which has worsened sharply since the elected government took office in April.

Police recruits are frequent targets, yet many Iraqi men continue to sign up in the hope of a paying job in a country where work is scarce.

In a Shiite Muslim neighborhood across town, thousands of men held aloft the green-shrouded coffin of cleric Kamal al-Din al-Ghoureify, gunned down near his mosque as he drove to prayers on Friday.

Ghoureify was a Baghdad representative for Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, recognized as spiritual leader by much of Iraq's Shiite majority. Mourners packed the streets chanting and beating their chests, some brandishing AK-47 rifles, others holding portraits of the slain, turbanned cleric.

"It is a calamity for the neighborhood, for Baghdad, for Muslims and for Shiites," Ghoureify's weeping brother Abu Hussein told Reuters. "What was his guilt? He was an old man, 70 years old and paralyzed. What did he do?"

Ghoureify's murder was one of three attacks on prominent Shiite targets within 24 hours.

A suicide car bomber killed a bystander on Friday at a house in Baghdad used as an office by Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari, also a Shiite. The previous night an uncle and a cousin of Shiite national security adviser Mowaffaq al-Rubaie were shot dead in their shop in Baghdad with four others.

US Marines said they were checking to see whether they had killed a cousin of Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations in a raid last week.

Ambassador Samir Sumaidaie said Marines killed his first cousin's son, Mohammed al-Sumaidaie, an engineering student, during a June 25 raid on his home in Al-Shaikh Hadid, near a US military base at Haditha Dam. *Reuters*

US Senate votes to revive US nuke weapons program

WASHINGTON—The US Senate moved Friday to revive a controversial weapons research program aimed at enabling the US military to conduct precision nuclear strikes against hardened underground facilities, including those suspected of storing weapons of mass destruction.

By a vote 53-43, senators defeated an amendment sponsored by California Democrat Dianne Feinstein that would have prohibited use of government funds to study the feasibility of the so-called Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator, also known as the "bunker-buster" bomb.

The failure of the measure means leading US nuclear research laboratories will in all likelihood receive in fiscal 2006 $4 million for continued work on the bomb that was interrupted last year under intense international and domestic criticism.

The action came ahead of a Group of Eight industrial nations summit in Scotland, where nuclear proliferation issues are expected to dominate the security agenda.

Senator Feinstein insisted expert data available to her indicated that there could be no such thing as a "clean" nuclear strike and any use of a "bunker buster" would result in massive radioactive contamination and substantial loss of life.

On top of that, she argued, the program will make it harder for the United States to persuade other countries like Iran or North Korea to foreswear their nuclear ambitions.

"In essence, these policies encourage other nations to develop their own nuclear weapons thereby putting American lives and our national security interests at risk," the senator said. "We are telling the world, when it comes to nuclear weapons, do as we say, not as we do."

But the "bunker-buster" program enjoys strong support of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who has been personally lobbying for funds for the penetrator and wrote to the energy secretary early this year about the need "to revitalize the nuclear weapons infrastructure."

The four million unsuccessfully targeted by the amendment are contained in a spending bill covering water and energy programs for the fiscal year that begins October 1.

The House of Representatives signaled its intention to restore funds for "bunker-buster" research when it voted in late May to approve a $491-billion defense authorization bill that includes money for the program. *AFP*

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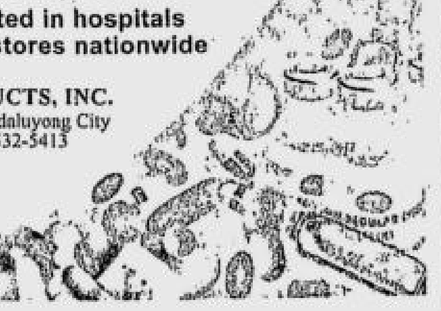

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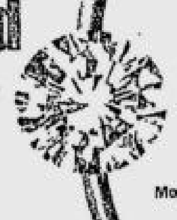

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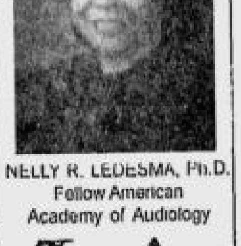

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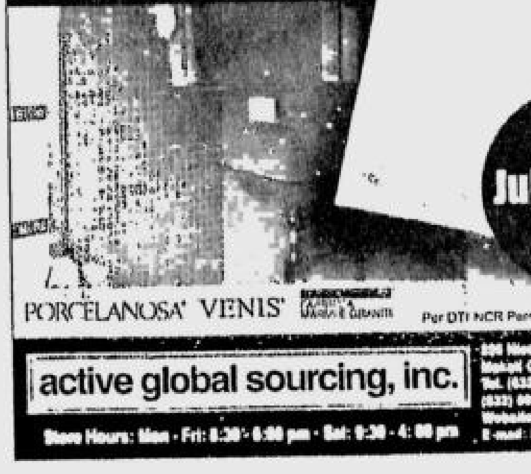

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AIDS seen as Asia's 'silent tsunami'

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KOBE, Japan—AIDS is a silent tsunami that threatens all of Asia, but the deadly disease can still be conquered if governments take urgent action now, world health officials said on Saturday.

One in four new infections occurs in Asia and 1,500 die in the region each day. The disease has spread to all provinces in China, the world's most populous nation, while India has the second highest number of AIDS/HIV patients after South Africa.

But political will to battle the illness is lacking in most of the region's governments despite the huge potential toll in lives and missed development goals as millions of households are pushed into poverty, officials said at an international AIDS conference in the western Japanese city of Kobe.

Failure to fight AIDS will have a critical economic impact on the region. The United Nations estimates losses could total $29 billion from AIDS alone by 2010 if nothing is done now.

Governments need to view AIDS as a threat on the scale of a natural disaster such as the tsunami last December that killed or left missing 232,000 people, said J.V.R. Prasada Rao, director of the Regional Support Team for UNAIDS, the UN agency dedicated to fighting the disease.

"The only real barrier to scaling up the response to HIV is one of perception," he told a conference session.

"The virus doesn't kill hundreds of thousands at a thunderous stroke like the tsunami, and it doesn't provide vivid television pictures," he added. "It is more like a silent tsunami."

The UN estimates 8.2 million people are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in Asia, about 5.1 million of them in India. The Chinese government says there are 840,000 patients in China.

Worldwide, about 39 million people have HIV/AIDS, including 25 million in sub-Saharan Africa.

If no steps are taken, 12 million people are likely to be infected with HIV in Asia by 2010, UNAIDS warns.

This figure could be cut by half with hard work over the next two or three years, but this would require major political will, UNAIDS director Peter Piot said on Friday.

In Asia, the AIDS epidemic is still mainly found among vulnerable groups such as homosexuals, injecting drug users and sex workers, but health officials say it could spread to the general population.

Rao said many politicians did not like to talk about injecting drug users, sex workers or men having sex with men—a reflection of the heavy stigma and discrimination faced by HIV/AIDS sufferers across the region, which prevents many from being tested or even treated.

"Stigma and discrimination is an epidemic that is really killing people," said Manoj Pardeshi, an HIV-positive man who represents several HIV activist groups.

"We just want to live a normal life, and we just want our basic human rights," he told a news conference, exhorting governments to enact laws against discrimination.

Targeted prevention programs are reaching only 19 percent of sex workers and 5 percent of injecting drug users in Asia.

The figure for homosexual men is no higher than 2 percent.

There are success stories in Asia, such as Thailand, where annual new HIV infections fell from nearly 143,000 in 1991 to 21,260 at the end of 2003, thanks to mass education and condom programs aimed at sex workers and other high-risk groups.

In contrast, affluent, well-educated Japan still has a relatively low number of infections, but experts say general apathy could lead to an explosion of cases over the next decade.

"Obviously, the problem is one not of resources or know-how," Rao said. "Japan is economically one of the most advanced countries in the world. The only explanation, surely, is low prioritization." *Reuters*

Luther Vandross, US soul singer, dead at 54

NEW YORK—Grammy award winner Luther Vandross, whose deep, lush voice on such hits as "Here and Now" and "Any Love" sold more than 25 million albums while providing the romantic backdrop for millions of couples worldwide, has died. He was 54.

VANDROSS

Vandross died Friday at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison, New Jersey, said hospital spokesperson Rob Cavanaugh. He did not release the cause of death but said in a statement that Vandross "never really recovered from" a stroke two years ago.

Since the stroke in his Manhattan home on April 16, 2003, the R&B crooner stopped making public appearances—but amazingly managed to continue his recording career. In 2004, he captured four Grammys as a sentimental favorite, including best song for the bittersweet "Dance With My Father."

Vandross, who was still in a wheelchair at the time, delivered a videotaped thank you.

"Remember, when I say goodbye it's never for long," said a weak-looking Vandross. "Because"—he broke into his familiar hit—"I believe in the power of love."

Vandross also battled weight problems for years while suffering from diabetes and hypertension.

He was arguably the most celebrated R&B balladeer of his generation. He made women swoon with his silky yet forceful tenor, which he often revved up like a motor engine before reaching his beautiful crescendos.

Jeff O'Conner, Vandross' publicist, called his death "a huge loss in the R&B industry. He was a close friend of mine and right now it's shocking."

O'Conner said he received condolence calls Friday from music luminaries such as Aretha Franklin, Patti LaBelle, Michael Jackson and Quincy Jones.

Singer Roberta Flack, on tour in Japan, said she was mourning the loss of her friend of more than 20 years.

"He was a musician who couldn't help but give you all he had," she said by telephone. "He was the kind of guy who was born to do what he did musically and let the world know about it. He was not born to keep it smothered in the chest."

Vandross was a four-time Grammy winner in the best male R&B performance category, taking home the trophy in 1990 for the single "Here and Now," in 1991 for his album "Power of Love," in 1996 for the track "Your Secret Love" and a last time for "Dance With My Father." *AP*

India plans law to force children to care for parents

NEW DELHI—India's government hopes to pass a law that will force children to take care of their elderly parents, a news report said Saturday.

The Old Persons Bill will "compel the progeny to perform the responsibilities which they have toward their parents in their old age," The Times of India newspaper said, quoting from the bill's provisions.

If both houses of Parliament pass the legislation, it will pave the way for tribunals and set a six-month deadline for judges to try such cases, the newspaper said.

It said the bill will be brought before the legislature this year, but did not specify a date.

India's traditional family structure has been breaking up, with changing social mores and the advent of retirement homes across the country.

"The younger generation is increasingly unwilling to look after parents and provide them with food, shelter and emotional needs," the paper quoted Satita Prasad, the federal secretary for social justice, as saying.

Government officials at the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs could not be immediately reached for comment. *AP*

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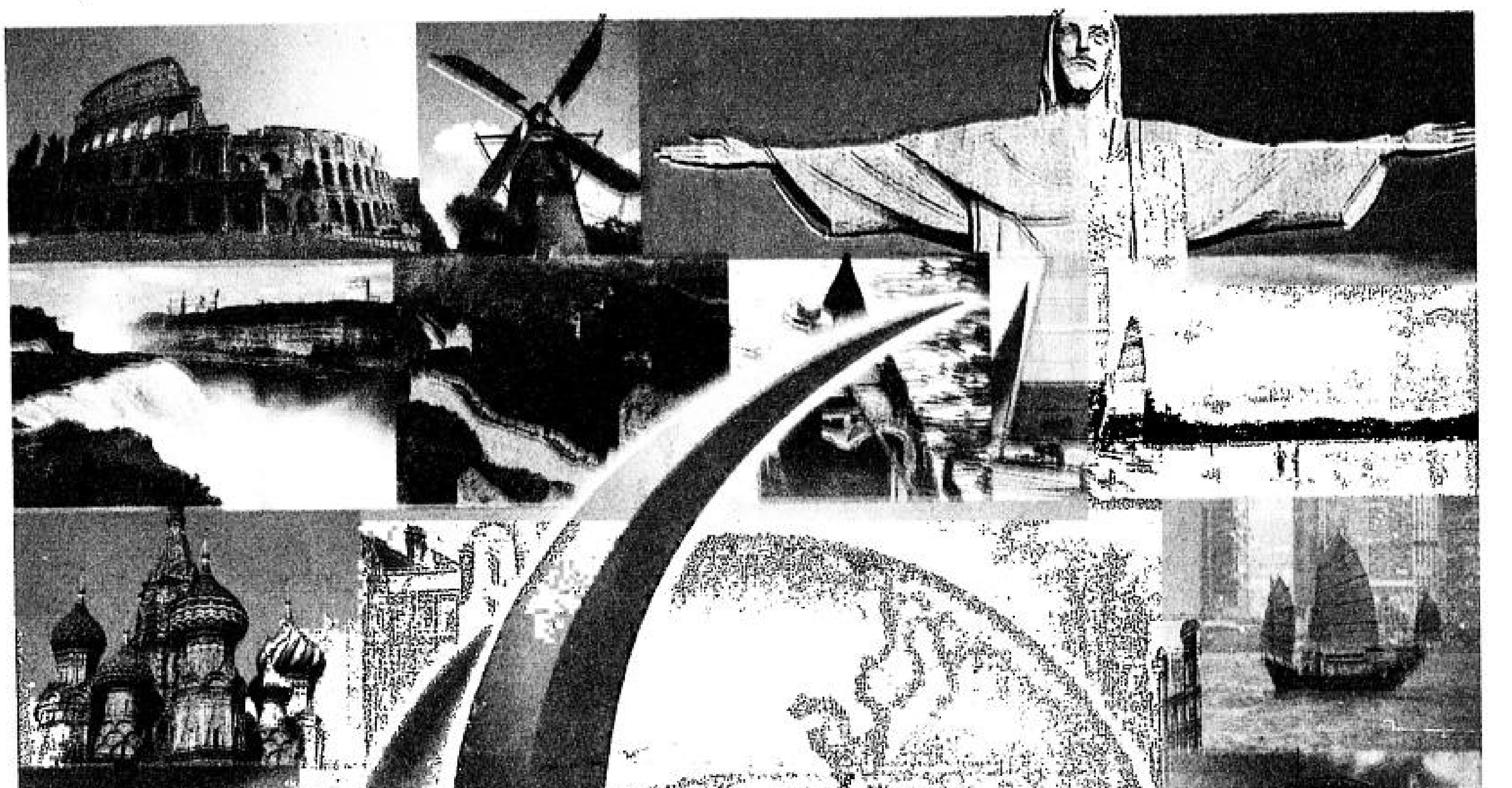

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At the Grand Draw, ten winners will each win an All-In-One Grand Prize Package consisting of a Laguna BelAir House & Lot, an Isuzu Crosswind, and P500,000 Cash for business or leisure.

This all-in-one house-car-cash grand prize is a unique package concept that's quite unheard-of in the history of local consumer promotions. Each package is worth a total of P3 Million. Deadline for submission of entries is September 30 and the grand draw will be held on October 12.

Midway through the promotion, 10 lucky Nestlé shoppers will each drive home an Isuzu Crosswind after the Preliminary Draw. Deadline for submission of entries is August 13 and the Preliminary Draw will be held simultaneously on August 27 in 9 Nestlé sales regions.

There will also be 200 cash prizes of P50,000 each to be given away in the two raffle draws.

To join the promo, a shopper must buy any three participating Nestlé products of any pack size and place the labels inside an envelope. On the envelope they must indicate the promo title, their name, address, contact numbers, and signature. Entries must then be dropped in promo drop boxes in participating stores throughout the Philippines.

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"Pasko Na, Pasko Now! P50 Million Raffle Promo" is Nestlé's biggest promotion in years and is the company's way of giving thanks to its loyal shoppers in the Philippines.

Win more than once

A participant in "Nestlé Pasko Na, Pasko Now! P50 Million Raffle Promo" may win more than one prize in the course of the promotion.

A winner of an Isuzu Crosswind or a P50,000 Cash prize in the preliminary draw may also win an All-In-One Grand Prize Package consisting of a Laguna BelAir House & Lot, an Isuzu Crosswind and P500,000 Cash in the Grand Draw.

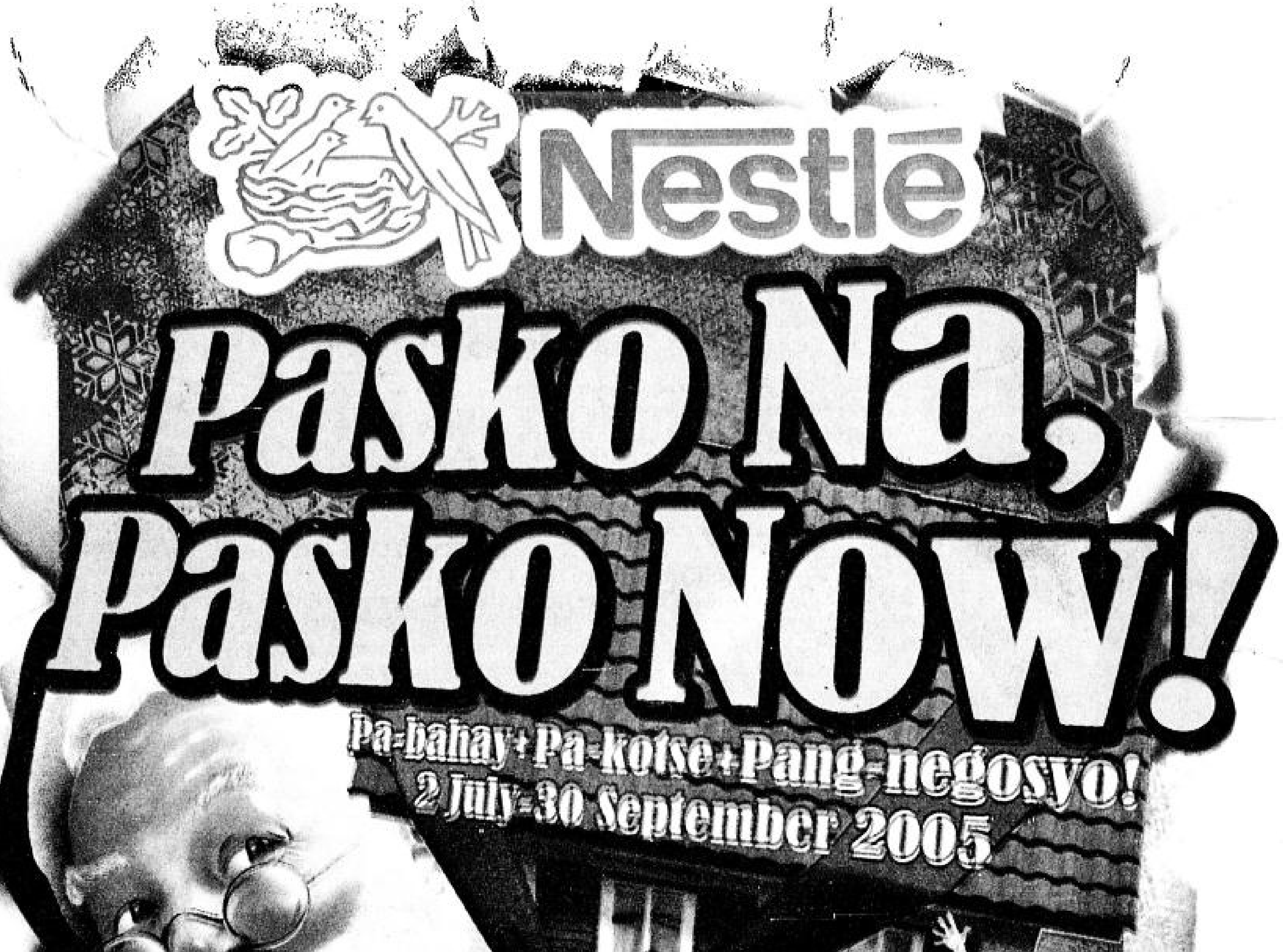
However, a participant may win only once during a draw. If a participant's name is drawn more than once during a draw, the participant will be awarded the prize with the higher value.

For example, if a participant's name has been drawn for a P50,000 Cash prize in the preliminary draw and gets drawn again for an Isuzu Crosswind in the same draw, the participant will be given the Isuzu Crosswind which is valued at P1 Million.

In the same way, a winner of a P50,000 Cash prize in the preliminary draw may also win another P50,000 Cash prize in the grand draw. The more entries a participant sends in, the more chances he or she has of winning.

All non-cash prizes are convertible to cash and winners may opt to take home the cash equivalent of their Isuzu Crosswind or House & Lot. All non-winning entries from the preliminary draw will automatically qualify for the grand draw.

The preliminary and grand draws will be held at the designated Nestlé offices under the supervision of a representative from the Department of Health-Bureau of Food and Drugs on August 27 and October 12, respectively.



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Here are some frequently asked questions about "Nestlé Pasko Na, Pasko Now! P50 Million Raffle Promo"

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When are the draws?

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The Grand Draw will be on October 12, 2005 and the deadline for submission of entries is September 30, 2005.

What are the Preliminary Draw prizes?

10 Isuzu Crosswind and 100 Cash prizes of P50,000 for each winner.

What are the Grand Draw prizes?

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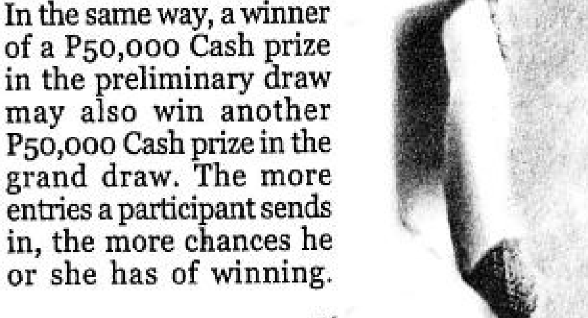
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What we stand for

EDITORIAL

THE INQUIRER today begins a six-month countdown to its 20th anniversary. The newspaper was born in a time of grave national crisis; like the nation itself, it has survived many other crises since then.

The newspaper has done so, in part, by changing with the times, introducing innovation after reader-friendly or industry-pacesetting innovation. But it has always remained true to its founding principles.

Today, when the nation is consumed yet again in another political crisis, we wish to reiterate those guiding lights; in particular, those principles that bear specifically on the current crisis.

Fundamental to the newspaper's mission is the defense of the democratic restoration. A central paragraph in our Basic Statement of Editorial Policy is as unambiguous as it is resolute. "The INQUIRER is committed to freedom and democracy. It will fight any attempt to return to the days of dictatorship. It will defend democracy and the fundamental freedoms and rights guaranteed by the Constitution. It stands unequivocally for democratic means in attaining social and economic growth."

This overarching commitment explains why we abhor the short cuts or quick fixes that have been proposed as solutions to the crisis.

Thus, Sen. Jinggoy Estrada's idea, aired last Thursday—that a "national council," chaired by his father, the disgraced former President Joseph Estrada, would take over the government once President Macapagal-Arroyo resigns—is deeply offensive in our view. It trashes the Constitution (ratified overwhelmingly by the people in 1987), by blithely dismissing the carefully prescribed law of presidential succession and removing the traditional system of checks and balances. ("Congress will be abolished," the young Estrada said, and "the Supreme Court will be revamped.")

The proposal being pushed by ex-general Fortunato Abat and former Budget Secretary Salvador Enriquez, to create a 15- to 20-man "ruling council" with an "interim Chief Executive," is similarly abhorrent. If they contend that Ms Arroyo suffers from a crisis of legitimacy, because of alleged election fraud, how can their ruling council be possibly legitimate, when the members have not been elected at all?

Equally fundamental to the newspaper's mission is the pursuit of truth. "The INQUIRER will always report the truth fearlessly, guided only by the ethics of journalism and the canons of good taste," the Basic Statement reads. "There will be times when our duty to report the truth will conflict with other values such as patriotism or national pride; we will choose the truth."

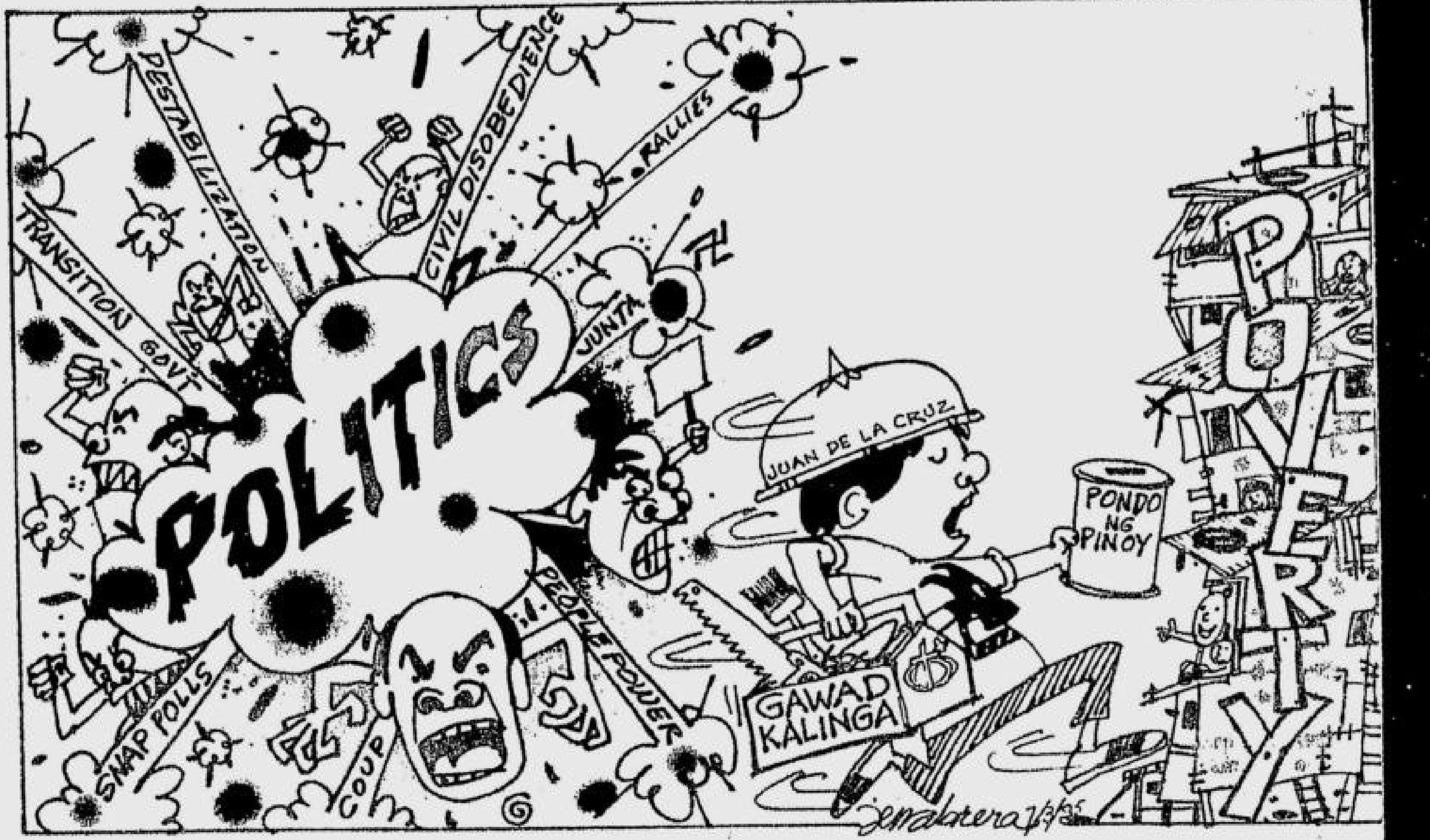
This principle has animated our position on the airing of the controversial tapes. While we cannot but marvel sometimes at the political immaturity of some of our legislators, we welcome the opportunity that the joint committee hearings in the House present.

Four weeks after Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye waved his copies of the "original" and "altered" tapes before the media, can anyone really say for certain that we now know all we need to know? The tapes in the possession of ex-NBI deputy director Samuel Ong: what do they contain, and do they in fact contain anything?

At the very least, the House hearings will give the public the chance to hear all the tapes, and compare the versions.

But information does not only want to be free; it also wants to be useful. To enable the public to cut through the clutter of the various versions, an independent commission must determine the truth of the audio recordings. To give the members of the fact-finding body the necessary powers to subpoena both witnesses and evidence, they must be appointed by the President. The opposition may worry about bias, but if the members include the likes of ex-PCGG chair Haydee Yorac or Archbishop of Manila Gaudencio Rosales, no one can seriously question the commission's impartiality.

A third fundamental principle: The newspaper is committed to serving the public. To that end, the Basic Statement says, "The INQUIRER will always advocate the greatest good for the greatest number." In this crisis as in previous ones, this remains the newspaper's primary advocacy.



Beleaguered and befuddled

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

TO THE MANY reactions voiced by the media to the statement of President Macapagal-Arroyo on the several charges against her, let me add my own observations. I am doing this lest my readers reprove me for my seeming indifference to this gripping topic of the day, if not probably of many years to come in our nation's history.

The statement has been hailed by the President's supporters as a dignified answer to the accusations leveled against her, which she denied. They have also praised her for her *mea culpa* on her delay in explaining her side on the tapes presented by the opposition to show how she falsified and magnified her election last year.

The President's critics claim that she has virtually admitted how she actually ordered a Comelec commissioner to give her a commanding lead over the late Fernando Poe Jr., who was the real winner. Many impartial and perceptive citizens say that her belated explanation, for all its supposed contrition, was "too little and too late."

Whatever its merits and defects, the presidential statement has not let her off the hook and quieted all the suspicions against her. On the contrary, it has further sharpened the people's anxieties over its truth or falsity as a gauge for her remaining in the highest office in the land.

The most serious of these accusations are, of course, her involvement in the so-called Garci tapes and in the equally malodorous *jueteng* scandals. These are now the subjects of legislative investigations and are regarded as possible grounds for her impeachment.

Speaking as a lawyer, I believe that the Senate inquiry on the alleged payola collected by President Arroyo's husband, son and brother-in-law (but not her even by implication) cannot hold water. The probe may give the senators an opportunity to grandstand, as usual, but nothing more "in aid of legislation."

Senate President Franklin Drilon has in fact suggested the termination of the probe, not necessarily to favor Ms Arroyo but to end the bombast going on in the chamber. The inquiry is not really needed, he says, because there are enough laws at present that are simply not being enforced to curb jueteng and its anomalies.

The House of Representatives has decided to continue its investigation of the Garci tapes despite the President's statement, but that farce is also getting nowhere. ith 60 members of the 5 investigating committees jointly conducting the probe, the time is likely going to be spent to give each of them a chance to show how adroit they are as cross-examiners.

The fact that several versions of the Garci tapes have been presented will give them added opportunity to demonstrate their prosecutorial skills (albeit not in the King's English) in determining which of these should be admitted as the genuine evidence. This will take them all year if not all of their term, and their selection, whatever it will be, will have no conclusiveness in law.

If the subjects of the legislative investigations were to be brought before a court of justice, they would have little chance of prospering or surviving.

The evidence being presented in the jueteng probe consists mainly of the say-so of witnesses claiming to have participated one way or the other in distributing the bribes to the respondents. Their testimony is mostly hearsay and cannot be admitted in a judicial trial. Mor over, it is denied by the alleged payees, wh enjoy the presumption of innocence that thei accusers must destroy. Worse, the witness pro and con will be tested on their credibility i the discretion of the investigators, the majorit of whom are allies of the President.

Whichever tape is selected by the House in vestigating committees as the authentic on will also not be admissible in a court of justic because it was obtained in violation of the An ti-Wiretapping Law. That means all the effort of the investigators will have been for nothin except to promote political motives and a commodate personal vanities.

Impeachment of the President may be a tempted on the grounds now being investiga ed by the congressional committees, but this more easily said than done. Its proponents d not have one-third of the House of Representa tives to impeach and two-thirds of the Sena to convict as required by the Constitution.

Yet for all their apparent uselessness as leg processes, the investigation of Ms Arroyo w surely influence the general citizenry, who ar deeply interested in the integrity of the Pres dent of the Philippines. Especially significan in this regard is the feisty Susan Roces, FPJ widow, who delivered her own cutting stat ment last Wednesday about the 2004 election

I heard only snatches of her comments b was moved by her eloquent anger against h husband's futile fight against the woman wh she said stole his election. As long as the lovel Susan fights her battle removed from the polit cians who would use her for their own selfi ends, she may yet find that she is not fightin alone with the sovereign people behind her.

The dark cloud in this scenario is the pos ble ascension of Vice President Noli de Castr as presidential successor. The *bakya* crow that voted for him must be grinding their teet in repentance.

'Hello! I'm here!'

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about an 85-year-old widow who went on a blind date with a 90-year-old man. When she returned, she was upset. "What happened, mother?" asked her daughter. "I had to slap his face three times." "You mean he got fresh?" "No," she answered, "I thought he was dead!"

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Many of us go through life half-dead, burdened by so much concerns, problems and difficulties, needing to be slapped on the face in order to be waked up from our misery and lethargy. In today's Gospel (Mt. 11-25-30) Jesus reminds us: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." All you who are tired and exhausted with earthly cares, hello! All you who are so dizzy solving all sorts of problems, hello! All you who are getting desperate over your illnesses or weaknesses, hello! Whoever you are, whatever your situation, listen to God. "Hello! I'm here."

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What is hidden from the learned and the wise and is revealed to the childlike? Simple faith and trust in the divine. Once a person forgets who he or she is and forgets who God is, then trouble begins. Once a person forgets his or her mortality, his or her "givenness," his or her dispensability, and his or her dependence on and need for God, then we have a situation where a person thinks he or she can go on and do everything without God. A simple case of mistaken identity, wherein an instrument thinks that he or she is the source, wherein a creature thinks that he or she is the creator.

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In a recent recollection, we were led into prayer by the facilitator using a computer and powerpoint presentation. The silence and the solemnity of the moment were shattered when the sound "your battery is low" was heard from the computer. It was a beautiful reminder for all of us that we cannot, we should not rely on our batteries but on God's power.

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It was a long and lonely road for Angel and Marilou Racoma who for almost four years—from the day she was born—had to bear the pain of seeing their daughter Belle fight for life. It was a series of going in and out of the hospital and all sorts of medical procedures on Belle's frail body, not to mention the financial burden that went along with it. Finally, Belle's body could take no more, and she expired yesterday morning. I admire the willingness of Angel and Marilou to give it their all, but I admire more their surrendering to the Divine Will. Yes, love oftentimes is letting go and letting be. Belle left behind grieving but stronger parents. Throughout the whole ordeal, her parents became closer to God and to each other. They learned in a very concrete way to surrender everything to the Divine Will in prayer. Because Angel and Marilou came to the Lord, they found rest from their labors and burdens. Are you still restless and burdened? Come to the Lord, and He will give you rest.

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Some weeks ago, I wrote about a priest who, not knowing what to say to a convict about to be executed on the electric chair, just blurted out, "More power to you, son!" Well, there is a sequel to the story. After hearing the priest's words, the convict said "Father, I have one last request. Please stay with me and just hold my hands when they turn the power on." I write this as a r minder to us all that there is no easy way ou in everything. The mess that we make wi sooner or later dirty us and imprison us. O sure, some people get away or seem to g away with the mess they have made. In th Philippines especially, I often get the feelin that crooks go free and continue to thriv and even continue to lead. Well, they ca make a fool out of millions, and even ca make a fool out of themselves, but they ca not make a fool out of God. To them I sa come to God in humility and true repen tance, and He will give you rest.

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Many of us need to hit rock bottom, need be slapped on the face, so to say, before w come to our senses. As long as we are in th stage of denial, blame, or anger, we cannot r solve anything. True conversion has no hidd agenda, no plans. But to someone who allow oneself to be embraced by God and has th willingness to give up the old self in respon to God's forgiveness and love, "I'm sorry" is complete sentence. Whoever says "I'm sorr but goes on to affix the words "if," "but," "in o der that," is not really, really sorry. He or s has not yet hit rock bottom.

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Our beloved Jaime Cardinal Sin was lai to rest this June 28, 2005. Mission accor plished! It was not easy, but he stood for ju tice and truth all the way. If he were st alive, what would he tell our people in the trying times? Where would he lead h flock? We miss him, his clarity and firm r solve and humor during these confusin and crucial times. Dear Cardinal Sin, pr for us, pray for our beloved Philippines!

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, when too engrossed with earthly car slap my face, and tell me: "Hello! I'm here Amen.

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Where is Virgilio Garcillano?

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

THESE days all discussions lead to either *jueteng* or the tapes. Most of our colleagues in the active service have expressed uniform views on jueteng, but it's the tapes and the recent apology by the Commander in Chief that really gets them going.

Let me add my own thoughts on these issues. Jueteng has been with us since time immemorial. Politicians, police officials and the Church have benefited from jueteng operations in spite of periodic crackdowns by law enforcers and countless hearings in Congress "in aid of legislation." Instead of devoting their limited resources to the fight against drug trafficking and white slavery (which are more serious problems) and improving peace and order in our communities, the police have had, from time to time, to focus attention on jueteng by rounding up the usual suspects only to see them released a few days later. In the recent drive brought about by revelations made in the Senate hearings, PNP chief Art Lomibao was able to gather certificates, signed by local officials and Church leaders, testifying to the absence of jueteng operations in their areas of responsibility, in effect declaring Luzon to be free of jueteng. I know that Art was reacting to pressure from the top. He is doing the best he can, but there is a limit to all of these efforts.

It is time to legalize jueteng and stop this charade once and for all. Unfortunately, not everyone favors legalization and for different reasons. As to the First Family's involvement, only Archbishop Oscar Cruz can vouch for his witnesses. Perhaps, we should all go down on our knees and pray to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment.

As to the issue of the tapes, this is my take on the subject. In January 2003, after GMA decided to give up her plans to run for the presidency, she pledged at the Edsa shrine that one of her legacies to the Filipino people would be computerized elections for the country. But after she changed her mind about not running, the computerization program was forgotten. Instead what the Filipino taxpayer got was an P849-million bill for machines and defective software which were never used during the elections. In a Supreme Court decision, the justices voted 9-5 to cancel the contract entered into by the Commission on Elections with Mega Pacific eSolutions Inc. for the equipment. It also directed the ombudsman to determine criminal liability and the solicitor general to recover the P849 million already paid out by the Comelec. I hope this matter is being attended to and not forgotten like a lot of things in our country.

In addition to failing to ensure computerization for the May elections, GMA appointed to the Comelec, Virgilio Garcillano and Manuel Barcelona. Even then, Garcillano already had a reputation of being associated with electoral frauds. He was considered by many as the expert in "*dagdag-bawas*" operations in the past. Barcelona, on the other hand, was a known contributor to GMA's election campaign. Out of thousands of qualified individuals, she had to appoint two with questionable backgrounds to be election commissioners. And now we have the "Hello, Garci" tapes which indicate exactly what was feared by the opposition when Garcillano was appointed to the Comelec. In a June 28-30 telephone survey conducted by the Social Weather Stations—after GMA admitted that she had spoken with a Comelec official during the elections—59 percent of Metro Manila residents believe she told the election official to cheat; only 29 percent said she merely wanted to protect her votes; and 84 percent of those polled supported demands for bringing out to the public the wiretapped conversations.

For as long as the Comelec is composed of the same people who ran last May's elections, we are not going to have credible polls, even with the presence of international observers. Snap elections will not solve our problems, not with the present Comelec running the show.

By the way, where is Virgilio Garcillano? Isn't anybody interested in producing him and asking him a few questions?

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Last Friday was the 58th anniversary of the Philippine Air Force. Austerity was the mark of the day—no parades, no flyby of aircraft or even static displays. The brief ceremonies were held at the fixed wing hangar of the 250th Presidential Airlift Wing at Villamor Airbase, a reminder of the glory days when it was the PAF who flew the commander in chief in sorties all over the country.

Many years ago, Air Force day was celebrated on May 2nd, but as a result of Presidential Proclamation No. 397 signed by President Corazon Aquino, Air Force day was transferred to July 1st, marking the day in 1947 when the Philippine Army Air Corps was re-designated as the Philippine Air Force and raised to a major service command.

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Another institution marking its anniversary next Friday is the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), a low-profile organization which has kept in step with the traditional image of spy agencies. Organized on July 7, 1949, NICA's first chief was Col. Agustin Gabriel. Today its director general is Brig. Gen. Cesar Garcia Jr. (ret.) of PMA class 1970. His deputy is—you won't believe this—James Kraft (as in Kraft cheese) whose great-grandfather came over from Germany, but is as Filipino as *kesong puti*. Col. Nicanor Jimenez, father of my boss, Letty M., was at one time head of NICA, before he became ambassador to South Korea.

NICA is run mainly by civilians unlike its better-known counterpart in the armed forces, the Intelligence Service, AFP (ISAFP), which is composed of military personnel belonging to the different major services. Don't ask me if they do any wiretapping.

Security

COMMENTARY

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THE MEETING began with a set of "ground rules"—"raise your hand to be recognized," "be brief," "respect other people's opinions," etc. But in the course of the meeting, the rules were often ignored as bottled-up tension and anger were vented like steam from an overcharged boiler. People took the floor without being recognized. The very patient parish priest was roundly scolded and called by his first name. Participants, one after the other, recited a litany of complaints.

Early on, I wanted to leave, sensing that the meeting was going nowhere. But I decided to stay after it dawned on me that what was unfolding was the national scene in microcosm.

The participants were residents of a gated subdivision in Quezon City, most of them professionals and upper and upper-middle class people. The meeting had to be called to resolve "a conflict of interest."

There are squatter areas just outside the borders of the subdivision, and people from these areas have ordinarily been for years taking the shortest route to a main thoroughfare—on their way to work, school, etc.—through the subdivision. Religious groups within the subdivision make their facilities available for children from the squatter areas. A big new church is under construction within the subdivision. The parish also includes the squatter areas, and the parish priest has been making a major effort to unite the different sectors of his flock with the motto "One God, one parish, one community."

But in the week previous to this meeting, two vacant lots used by the squatters when they pass through the subdivision were fenced by the landowners, blocking the "short cut" through the subdivision.

Earlier attempts to fence the property had been frustrated by the squatters. So the construction of the fence was done in the presence of the subdivision's security force and around 30 SWAT policemen. Violence erupted, stones flew, warning shots rang out, and tear-gas was used thus causing injury to a 7-month-old baby who had to be rushed to a hospital.

The following day the parish priest issued a pastoral letter in which he recognized the right of private ownership and the need as well of hundreds of families for easy access to work, school, hospital and other important facilities. He went on to say that "where there is a conflict between two valid interests, the Church must at all times uphold and pursue peaceful means of resolving issues." He also urged both sides to refrain from the use of force and to "pray and work for creative and peaceful solutions to the current crisis."

The pastoral letter triggered an angry response from the subdivision homeowners who insisted on the right of ownership. They said there could be no valid conflict of interests here. They pointed out that there are other, admittedly longer, routes by which the squatters could get to the main thoroughfare. "In supporting the owners in claiming their right of ownership, we are instilling discipline, order, re-education of proper values and respect of authority and rights of others." It ended by praying that the Church enlighten the squatters on "what justice, ownership and illegal occupancy mean."

The meeting which followed, and of which I speak here, was no more conciliatory. In the meeting, it quickly surfaced that the issue was less about private property than security. As the residents vented their anger, litanies of abuses perpetrated by the squatters were recited to the applause of the majority of those who were there.

There were some, however, who took a more conciliatory line, including one religious sister who has long worked among the squatters, and who pointed out that if the homeowners were concerned for their security, so were the squatters for theirs; prohibited drugs are being sold in the squatter areas and the people need help in fighting the illegal trade. She ended with a challenge: "There are good people there, just as good as any of you!"

The sister's appeal had little effect. The formal meeting ended with plans to beef up the security forces. One of the participants—I was told—even spoke of training the others in the use of firearms to defend themselves.

The whole scene was for me, as I have said, a microcosm of the national society, and indeed of international society (but we will not go into that here). It represented a society sharply divided—the upper classes, on one hand, and the poor, on the other; a division made physical and visible by the armed guards at the gates and by the new fences. This division could only create resentment among the excluded, and could provide a tinderbox for a wider and bigger conflagration than the one that we saw in Edsa III, especially at this time when the whole nation is deep in crisis.

The residents of the subdivision are worried about their security, and that is a legitimate concern. But the poor live in constant insecurity: their homes could be demolished tomorrow; the casual laborers among them could wake up with no jobs tomorrow; if they fall sick, they have no health insurance and no money to pay for medicines; drug users and petty crimes and violence are a constant threat to them. This insecurity of the little people is related to and is partly the cause of the insecurity that is hounding the upper classes. Such insecurity will definitely not be relieved by more gates and armed guards. Abraham Lincoln once said that a nation cannot survive half-slave and half-free; the Philippines cannot survive 20-percent secure and 80-percent insecure.

In the afternoon of the day of that meeting, another meeting, much smaller, was held. Those in attendance searched for a more creative solution to the problem. Ideas and proposals were discussed for a solution that in the long run would make the armed guards unnecessary and permit them to use their time and energy more constructively.

Deconstructing Gloria

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Randy David

DECONSTRUCTION is a form of destabilization, but I assure the Department of Justice that the only things it destabilizes are the meanings of statements, scripts, texts and documents. A method popularized by the French philosopher Jacques Derrida, "deconstruction accounts for how a text's explicit formulations undermine its implicit or non-explicit aspects. It brings out what the text excludes by showing what it includes."

I cannot think of a better way to understand the tensions inherent in President Macapagal-Arroyo's statement before the nation last Monday than by deconstructing it. That statement is a classic example of how a text destabilizes itself over and over, so that it remains till the end undecidable in its meanings.

Ms Arroyo's script begins by a straightforward reference to "the issue of the tape recordings." She says, "Tonight, I want to set the record straight." That is the last time she mentions anything about the tapes.

What follows instead is an account of how the anxiety she felt over the "unnecessarily slow" canvassing process in the 2004 election prompted her to call "many people, including a Comelec official" for the sole purpose of protecting her votes. "My intent was not to influence the outcome of the election, and it did not. As I mentioned, the election had already been decided and the votes counted." If the election had already been decided, from what or from whom did she need to protect her votes?

The reason, as everyone knows, is that the canvassing of the results from several provinces in Mindanao was taking so long. The election was far from over when she was making those calls. She admits she had conversations with many people in the last election, but she does not say if these are the same ones that were caught on tape. The "Comelec official" she talked to remains unnamed throughout, leaving open the possibility that he or she may not be Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano, who is heard in the tapes as making all kinds of deals with political crooks and operators. The statement reveals something and then immediately shrouds it.

It is obvious from the President's demeanor that she wanted or needed to admit something and apologize for it. She did this twice, first in English and then in Filipino. This is the statement's most difficult part, and saying it seemed, maybe for the President, penance enough.

She was vague about the "lapse in judgment" for which she was apologizing. Was she referring merely to the act of calling a Comelec official? Or was it something more serious than this? Was her admission of a lapse in judgment just a clever way of glossing over a graver offense?

Having accomplished the essential gesture of contrition, which appears to be the sole purpose of the performance, Ms Arroyo quickly recovered herself by saying, "I want to close this chapter and move on with the business of governing." The public response has not been as generous as might have been expected. The statement achieved no such closure in the minds of many. Because of its ambivalences, it undermined its own explicit intentions.

No record was set straight on the issue of the taped conversations. Ms Arroyo was silent about the June 6 press conference at Malacañang in which the recordings were passed off by Press Secretary and Presidential Spokesman Ignacio Bunye, as "privileged communication" between the President and one of her political leaders. Was this an innocent mistake by Secretary Bunye, or could it be that this was an initial attempt at a cover-up?

Well-meaning supporters of the President, who want to see her finish her term, may have impressed upon her the need to face the nation and confess to a mistake. But her legal advisers quickly saw this as a risky political gambit that could win her some public sympathy but also expose her legally. The lawyers' marks are all over the document. They show the meticulous crafting of an admission without accountability, a confession free from liability.

Nothing could have been more difficult to carry out in a judgmental culture like ours, where people are measured as much by what they say as how they say it. Filipinos are quick to forgive and to forget if they sense sincerity in one's admission, if they see genuine atonement, and if they hear an honest readiness to repair the damage done and to reform oneself. I doubt very much if they saw this in the President last Monday.

Gloria's script ends by re-stating the policy reforms she has initiated as President. No mention is made of what she intends to do to make up for whatever wrong she committed. The only reason one can think of is that in fact there is no real admission of accountability in the statement. It was as if all she wanted to say was: "OK, I'm sorry. Now can we move on?"

Nothing perhaps insults the Filipino more than a pro-forma apology from the high and mighty who think it is beneath them to admit a mistake. Gloria had the rare opportunity to show humility and nobility by speaking from the heart, by admitting her weaknesses and lapses, and by offering to leave the presidency if that is what the nation wants. She wasted this by undermining her own act of contrition with self-serving words.

The other side of admission without accountability is penance by proxy. People who think they are obliged to show regret even if they are convinced they have committed nothing wrong also tend to take their penance lightly. They expect other people to do it for them. That is why Mike Arroyo has been sent on exile, while the queen remains in Malacañang.

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Insincere political class

COMMENTARY

Dr. Ronald Meinardus

THESE days, the political class in the Philippines is not concerned with governing. It is preoccupied with other things. Its attention is focused on what one commentator has termed "the worst crisis any administration" has ever experienced. The opposition is orchestrating turmoil and openly calling for the ouster of President Macapagal-Arroyo. To achieve this goal, the President's foes have discharged into the air several poisonous arrows. Following allegations that the President's husband, son and brother-in-law are entangled in corrupt practices involving illegal gambling, audio recordings surfaced which, according to the opposition, substantiate claims that the President cheated her way to power in the May 2004 elections.

As the opposition is not inclined to wait for the next presidential elections five years away, three alternative scenarios of bringing the Arroyo presidency to a premature end are being debated: resignation, impeachment by Congress, or a popular uprising supported by the military. With the resignation and the impeachment considered unrealistic options, the extra-constitutional formula has once more advanced to the forefront: "The vocabulary of political change in the country has been defined by two words—coup and people power," observed INQUIRER columnist Amando Doronila in a recent commentary.

Most observers agree that the situation today is not ripe for yet another popular uprising. While many Filipinos are unhappy with the President (who is very unpopular), the outrage needed for a political explosion seems to be missing. "People are either weary of protests or apathetic to it all," says one observer. As is often the case in extra-constitutional processes, the call for "people power" does not stem from the "people" but from self-appointed leaders without a popular mandate.

When the Filipino masses rose in 1986 against the tyranny of Ferdinand Marcos, the whole democratic world joined the celebrations. People Power became a synonym for democratic and peaceful transition, and the Philippines was hailed as a global trendsetter. Compared to 1986, the popular uprising in 2001, which brought the incumbent to power, had far less splendor. It took place in a constitutional and democratic framework and was hardly targeted at a dictator.

Once again, major political forces in the Philippines are advocating extra-constitutional methods to rid the country of what they term a corrupt and illegitimate leader. On a more general note, this advocacy exposes a fundamental weakness of the Philippine political system and its institutions. The issue of the legitimacy of the electoral results of May 2004 stands at the center of the political turmoil. Up to this very day, the opposition has not conceded defeat, insisting that the President only won because of massive cheating. With all legal efforts exhausted, the opposition has politicized the struggle. A heterogeneous cluster of individuals and groups reaching from the far Left to the far Right is confronting the President. The cluster's only common denominator is the aversion against the President. They have neither produced a rallying figure who could replace the President, nor have they come up with a program of government. This said, the anti-GMA coalition is a negative one-purpose campaign only.

Whether this is enough to mobilize the Filipino masses is questionable. The least a successful movement of the kind some of the armchair revolutionaries are dreaming of would need is a joint political blueprint for a better future. The lack of this enforces the widespread suspicion that the whole commotion is less about political direction and principles but solely about personal ambitions.

In the midst of the turmoil, the President announced her intention to initiate the process aimed at changing the Philippine Constitution—from the present presidential form of government to a parliamentary and federal system. Not a few observers saw this as a move to deflect public attention away from the negative headlines the scandal has been producing.

To raise the constitutional question in this delicate situation is untimely and also premature. The problem is not the present Constitution, but a lack of respect for the basic law. It is debatable, also, whether a shift from the presidential to a parliamentary system would improve the political situation. While it could strengthen parliament, it could at the same time weaken the executive. To solve the myriad problems, the Philippines needs strong political leadership. I am not convinced at all that a leader based on a potentially fragile parliamentary majority would be better equipped to get things done than a chief executive with a popular mandate.

Apart from that, for a parliamentary system to work, you need an institutional framework with a functioning electoral system and strong political parties. Compared with other democracies, both the electoral and the party system of the Philippines are feeble and in dire need of reform.

Hardly anyone remembers today that in 2001 the political parties agreed in a political summit to enact legislation aimed at establishing strong, platform-based and publicly financed political parties. Up to this day, nothing practical has come out of the well-sounding rhetoric. This shows that the political class is really not genuine in its desire to strengthen the political parties as democratic institutions.

I also cannot sense political sincerity regarding electoral reform: Today's political turmoil is basically a consequence of the inadequacies of the electoral system. Had the 2004 elections been computerized and not conducted in what observers then called the archaic system of manual counting, today's allegations of cheating and rigging would simply be baseless. It is disturbing (but also revealing) that hardly anyone is campaigning for election reforms today. This leads to the conclusion that many in the political class seem content with an outdated electoral system that is not only open to manipulation but also extremely destabilizing.

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THEY SAID

Enemies within

"I think that in the future, our experiences will never be repeated. I think the future will instead have our young men fighting the enemies from within."

—Fr. Francisco Perez, who received a tribute from the Ateneo de Manila University for having fought in defense of the country against foreign invaders

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Do you accept GMA's apology?

TO GET a sense of the reactions of the man on the street to President Macapagal-Arroyo's "I-am-sorry" statement on June 27, the INQUIRER conducted interviews in Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao the day after.

Our findings show that there is no unanimity of opinion. Responses include: GMA must resign; give her a second chance because there's no alternative; she can't govern as public confidence is in the pits; and, forgive her but there must be justice first.

Social Weather Stations has found that 59 percent of residents in Metro Manila believe that Ms Arroyo ordered an election official to cheat during last year's presidential election. Results of a survey SWS conducted on June 28-30 also showed that 48 percent had little trust in Ms Arroyo while 17 percent said they trusted her.

After her apology for committing a "lapse in judgement" when she called the election official, some supporters of Ms Arroyo urged the public to give her a six-month probationary period during which she would pursue initiatives to earn public trust.

But opposition groups are taking to the streets to get the people to support its call for Ms Arroyo to step down.

The winner in this battle for the hearts and minds of the people, aided by the military, will determine whether Ms Arroyo can hold on to power.

Luzon

'Reveal the whole truth'

I cannot accept her apology because it is partial. She made that speech just to satisfy the curiosity of the people. She should have mentioned whom she was talking to. What she said are half-truths but the real score remains unknown to the Filipino people. Her speech just raised more questions than answers. What she should do is prove to the people her sincerity with her apology and reveal the whole truth. -**Angustias Calleja,** *Albay Chamber of Commerce and Industry president*

I appreciate her belated admission but justice must be served. Investigation or impeachment proceedings, if proper, should commence. -**Lawyer Asis Perez,** *executive director, Tanggol Kalikasan, Lucena City*

I accept her apology. Before this came out, she was doing quite well with the economy, tirelessly steering it toward the right direction. Too bad, this happened. Here we are again, moving on, then shooting our feet with this. But what's the alternative? Let's move on. -**Tess Alcancia,** *businesswoman, Oriental Mindoro*

It was shocking to watch Gloria on television admitting she was the female voice in the wire-tapped conversation. It was shocking to suddenly see her apologize for her fault. I thought the whole thing was just intended to destroy her credibility. -**Joy Fidel,** *student, Pampanga*

'Filipinos are sore losers'

Ask any candidate if they had not talked to or had not sought connections with any Comelec official. Those criticizing GMA are 99 percent guilty of talking to Comelec officials. The leaders of the noisy opposition themselves talk to Comelec officials on behalf of their candidates. We should not deny this, Filipinos are sore losers. -**Former Bulacan Rep. Wilfrido Villarama,** *Ms Arroyo's former chief of staff*

With the President's admission, we can't help but suspect that she also made similar calls to (Commission on Elections Chair) Benjamin Abalos or to other Comelec officials, or that there were many conversations not recorded, which could have been more revealing. -**Joseph Magtalas,** *state university employee, Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya*

At least, President Macapagal-Arroyo is strong and honest enough to admit her mistake. With that, I believe that she once again regained the public trust and I'm confident that we can now move on. -**Theresa L. Ronatay,** *freelance researcher, Legazpi City*

The President's admission is a plain and simple admission that she indeed cheated in the presidential election to win. I voted for her last year because I trusted her ability to run the country. But after what she did, she ruined my trust. It's just frustrating. I'm sure majority of the Filipinos feel what I feel. -**Rosel Aquino,** *businesswoman, Calamba City*

'No moral basis to lead'

I don't think it was an intelligent decision. Her confession is acceptable to me. But it made the political climate in the country more volatile. The President's statements could spark bigger street protests, which could lead to her downfall. -**Erwin Alamar,** *Internet café owner, Calamba City*

As a Christian, I will forgive her provided she vacates her seat in Malacañang. Otherwise she has no moral basis to lead this country. She is not the duly elected president, to say the least. -**Juan Caballero,** *government worker, Sabtang Island, Batanes*

The issues against President Macapagal-Arroyo are so serious to be just buried by apologies. Either the law should take its course, she voluntarily steps down from office, or face impeachment proceedings. -**Retired Cagayan Judge Plaridel Villacete,** *Tuguegarao City*

Kapal! Just like that? Sorry? Where is justice? She must be punished for cheating. -**Antonio Jamon,** *lawyer, City of San Fernando, Pampanga*

Catholic tradition has four components for reconciliation: Confession, contrition, penance and absolution. GMA (President Arroyo) is to be commended for making a public confession. We have yet to see the contrition and penance parts before absolution can be given. -**Fr. Pablo David,** *Mother of Good Counsel Seminary, Pampanga*

'Mob rule must stop'

It's better to forgive than have another revolution to replace the President. Mob rule must stop. Let us continue praying for peace in our country. -**Jose de la Rama,** *president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Bulacan chapter*

The President is human like us. She also makes mistakes. And by having the sense to make the necessary apology, she deserves our understanding and forgiveness. -**Fernando Anunciacion,** *Mabalacat, Pampanga*

The person may be forgiven; the crime must not. -**Mon Valmonte,** *editor, online journal, Gapan City*

If the President is not punished, *ganun na lang ba iyon*? We can forgive and forget, but only after she has been penalized for her crime. Also, if we allow what she did to go unpunished, those who will succeed her as president will be emboldened to do what she did. -**Nelson Aguas,** *bookkeeper, Tarlac City*

It's an act of humility. I appreciate her for being a courageous leader. That's an act everybody should appreciate. -**Elmo Merin,** *tourism officer, Basco, Batanes*

'She's guilty'

I empathized with the President. She was in a damned if you do, damned if you don't situation. I believe she created her own ghost in delaying her public statement. Personally, I would give the President a second chance to prove her worth. -**Rene Romero,** *private sector representative, Regional Development Council in Central Luzon*

Obviously she's guilty of the crime of cheating the Filipino people. Her apology is not enough. To show her sincerity and repentance, she should resign. -**Malou Garbes,** *businesswoman, City of San Fernando, Pampanga*

I am outraged. She has been a senator, a vice president and now a president. This supposed "lapse-in-judgment" line will not fly. The natural and moral consequence is for her to step down. Decency dictates no less. -**John Bayarong,** *local TV show host, Olongapo*

Tell that to the Marines. It was the right strategy, she apologized. But why did she wait that long? *Yun lang din pala at aamin siya at magso*-sorry? No one will believe her. What she did is really very improper. -**Hermin Arceo,** *former Bulacan judge*

She's not telling the entire truth. I doubt her sincerity. -**Soraya Faculo,** *teacher, Cordillera Regional High School, La Trinidad, Benguet*

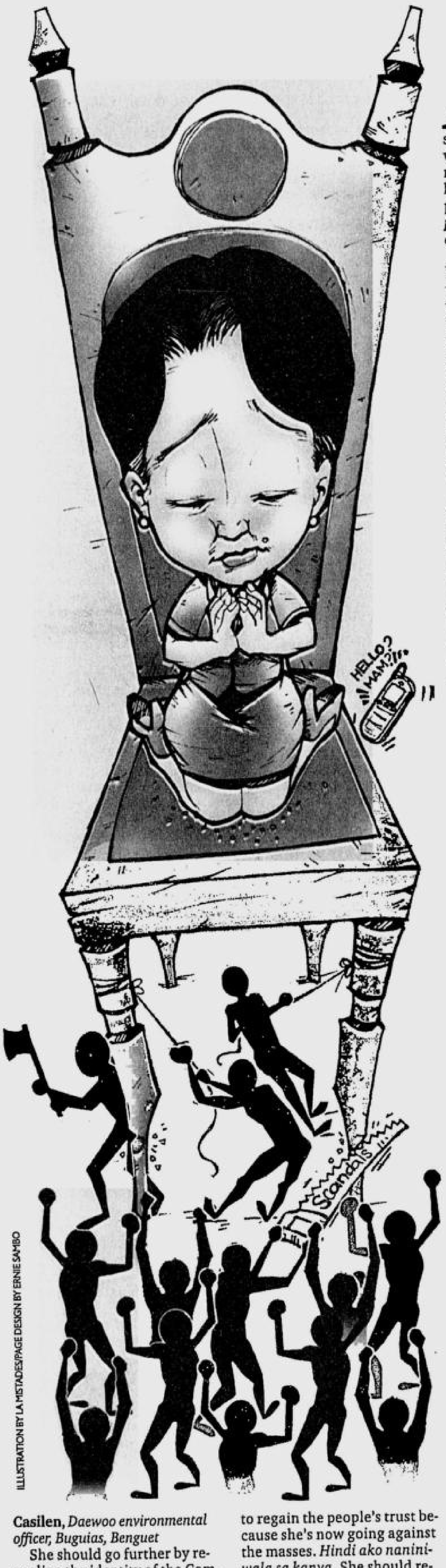
She's guilty. It's obvious. -**John Casilen,** *Daewoo environmental officer, Buguias, Benguet*

She should go further by revealing the identity of the Comelec official. Everybody agrees on her call for unity and cooperation, but what about her past actions? She said something and later did the opposite of what she had promised. It is lying. -**Councilor Supremo Bautista,** *Tuguegarao City, Cagayan*

Yung maliit nila na conversation *na 'yon* is enough to prove that she's guilty of cheating. It would be very difficult for her to regain the people's trust because she's now going against the masses. *Hindi ako naniniwala sa kanya*. She should resign. -**Eric Foronda,** *pharmacy owner, Baguio City*

We should start from her apology and let her continue her term. This issue has greatly affected business and I am tired of it. **Grace Cayabyab,** *teller, Rural Bank of Malasiqui, Pangasinan*

She committed a mistake. She should resign and let us have a new leader. -*Patricio Gallario, farmer, Santa Lucia, Ilocos Sur*



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The Visayas

'We support her'

As far as businessmen are concerned, we had a meeting the night after she delivered the speech, and it was a relief for us, a welcome move. We unanimously support her. Let's start picking up the pieces and move on. -**Roberto Go,** *president of the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry*

Asking for forgiveness should be followed with penance and with penalty. She said the truth would set us free but other people would not set us free because they demand some penance and penalty. If we do have an impeachment process, let it find out exactly how to penalize her, what her lapses are. Resignation should come at the end of the process. -**Msgr. Achilles Dakay,** *spokesperson of the Cebu Archdiocese*

I accept her apology but I suggest that she step down and call for snap elections. The (results of the 2004) elections where she claimed to have won were questionable. Her credibility and integrity as a person and leader of this country have been tainted. -**Michael Villas,** *senior Communication Arts student, Leyte State University, Palo, Leyte*

I accept her apology, but she should not fool the people again. Let's give her a second chance. All of us commit mistakes. She apologized because there were anomalies in the last elections. -**Abegail Tepace,** *fruit vendor, Tacloban*

'I no longer trust her'

I don't accept her apology. She knew it was wrong from the start. -**Cynthia Fernandez,** *newspaper dealer, Iloilo City*

It's good that she apologized, but I don't think I can still trust her. -**Marilou Dailo,** *vendor, Iloilo City*

I can not accept her apology because she is a liar. She should resign and we should elect a new president. -**Ricky Regidor,** *taxi driver, Talisay City*

I can not forgive her. I was so mad seeing her on TV admitting that she indeed called up a Comelec official. She cheated Fernando Poe Jr. and cheaters should not be forgiven. -**Domingga Pagobo,** *utap vendor, Cebu City*

Why not? I believe she's sincere in asking for an apology. Besides, when she called up that Comelec official, she was just asking to protect her votes. -**Tessie Gomez,** *cook, from Barangay Camputhaw, Cebu City*

Mindanao

'No one's fit to replace her'

It was a big mistake she admitted it. However, I am still sympathetic to her since no one is fit to replace her. Definitely not Vice President Noli de Castro. And we need to move on. -**Jacqueline Julia Agdamag,** *Lagamon St. John's School, Malaybalay City*

No, I will not forgive her because she cheated. I hope that she will be held liable for what she did to us. I hope there will be a new presidential election. -**Erlinda Mutia,** *Malaybalay City*

I will forgive her not because she deserves it but because I want divisive politics to stop. -**Vic Abrogueña,** *NGO worker, Malaybalay City*

I forgive her. I am just choosing the lesser evil. -**Raymond Gamboa,** *Councilor, Kalilangan, Bukidnon*

Yes. But justice must be served even though her actions are not impeachable. As she said "she's taking full responsibility for her actions. - **Jessie Bacal,** *Cagayan de Oro*

'She should resign'

I cannot and will never do! -**Mercelita Jandayan-Labial,** *Xavier University High School, Cagayan de Oro*

Forgive? Yes. For calling Garcillano, she committed a lapse. But she should resign. She lied in her apology. We felt her intention to cheat when she called "Garci." -**Jerome Garcia,** *mountaineer, Cagayan de Oro*

Considering that I voted for her, I felt bad that she tried to sway the votes in her favor when she did not deserve them. She can be forgiven. But by all means she should step down. Erap must be saying "Welcome to the Club!" -**Dorothy Salvador,** *Cagayan de Oro*

The President has already apologized. What else is it they want? The problem is we always think of our rights. We have forgotten our obligations. -**Camiguin Gov. Pedro Romualdo**

The real destabilizer, economic saboteur and the biggest stumbling block to the nation's development doesn't deserve a minute more exercising presidential powers. -**Beverly Musni,** *spokesperson, Karapatan Northern Mindanao*

She should resign or be removed from office through a national uprising. Only then will the people be vindicated and GMA should be tried for all her anti-people economic policies and political repression. -**Nero Vallar,** *regional coordinator of Bayan Muna*

Why not? We forgave Marcos. -**Nikki Gomez,** *president and CEO, Infos Inc., Davao City*

No! She already had many mistakes. We can't afford to forgive her anymore. -**Keith Bacongco,** *photographer and web designer, Davao City*

'Everyone makes mistakes'

Yes, everyone makes mistakes and this mistake showed her virtue of humility. Only strong persons aren't afraid to acknowledge their mistakes. Besides, there is no one else qualified to take her place. -**Cherissa Palubio,** *travel agent, Davao City*

From the Muslim point of view and as far as the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) is concerned, when somebody admits his or her lapses and asks for forgiveness, we cannot do anything else but to accept it. -**Muslimin Sema,** *Cotabato City mayor and MNLF secretary-general*

No. She betrayed the public trust. -**Christine Benitez,** *entrepreneur, Surigao City*

Yes. It's not a question of forgiving. It took courage to admit what she did it. Hope that elected officials learn to be forthright and honest because people will know in the end. Enough of this circus.

We may not be happy with what is happening but we don't have an alternative leader at this point. We can't afford another uprising that would send us back 10 steps, which will be horrible for our country. It's time to rethink the system of governance that we have. Let's think about the federal system. -**Amy Cabusao,** *editor in chief, The Mindanao Times, Davao City*

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NFA asks gov't to subsidize ₱50-B losses

PILI, Camarines Sur—The National Food Authority is asking the national government to subsidize its P50-billion losses.

The grains agency is also looking forward to a subsidized operation in the future, according to NFA administrator Gregorio Y. Tan.

Speaking before NFA employees in Bicol yesterday, Tan told them that the passing on of NFA losses and the subsidy it is seeking from the national government are contained in House Bill 336 now under deliberation in Congress.

Tan said the P50-billion loss of the NFA is a far cry from the P200-billion losses the National Power Corp. has incurred.

He said the NFA incurred losses because it does not profit but provides services to the rice farmers, retailers and consumers.

The administrator said the NFA must continue its services with its yearly budget subsidized by the national government and a part of the General Appropriations Act.

He said the NFA had been assuming the roles of a "referee" and "player" (in the grains industry) and these roles must be "decoupled" by dropping the role of a player.

He said HB 336, a consolidated bill from four bills filed in the House, once passed by Congress, would make the NFA focus its services on farmers.

He also announced that the NFA has to use a "hard-line position" on the strategies of restructuring of the agency that, he said, may be appropriate and tenable at this time.

He announced that some 1,206 employees are to be declared "redundant" though, he said, it could only be applied if the employee decided to be separated from service.

"There will be no involuntary separation," he said.

Tan assured the employees that the process of restructuring would not be sudden and that the Department of Budget and Management would not insist on retrenching many of them.

He said other strategies of the restructuring involve giving incentives to employees who are willing to be separated from service.

He asked the managers and employees in Bicol to lobby lawmakers for the fast passage of HB 336. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Gonzalez cautions protesters on laws governing assemblies

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
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ILOILO CITY—Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez on Friday said the government would not stop groups planning to hold protest actions calling for the President's ouster.

But he cautioned that the groups organizing the protests should be aware that there are laws governing rallies.

"There is a law in the Revised Penal Code on illegal assemblies," Gonzalez told reporters here during the formal opening of the Philippine-Spanish Friendship Week.

When asked to what extent the government will allow Susan Roces to talk against the President, Gonzalez replied: "That depends on the things that she will say. At this point, I don't think that she should be dignified."

Roces on Wednesday demanded the President's resignation, saying it would be the "most honorable thing" for the President to do.

Gonzalez reiterated his earlier statements that dismissed Roces' demands, calling them an "aberration of a grieving widow."

He said Roces "does not understand what she is really talking about" when the actress accused the President of having "stolen the presidency, not once, but twice."

The Secretary pointed out that Ms Arroyo was sustained by the Supreme Court twice, referring to her assumption as President following the ouster of former President Joseph Estrada in January 2001 and the dismissal of the electoral protest filed by late movie actor Fernando Poe Jr. after he died last year.

Gonzalez said the planned protest actions in Makati on Friday were also "expected because (Makati Mayor Jejomar) Binay is one of the gurus of the (protesters). He is one if the masterminds in all this destabilization process."

He added the Cabinet "is still united" and that morale "is quite high" despite calls for the President's resignation following her admission that she talked to an election official during the canvassing in the 2004 polls.

He, however, added he "cannot read what is inside the hearts of people."

Gonzalez said the decision of First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo to leave the country was a private decision but he said this "might satisfy those who are crying for his blood."

He said it would be unfair to ask the First Gentleman's brother Negros Occidental Rep. Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo and presidential son Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo to also leave the country.

"They are elective officials and it would be unfair to their constituents," said Gonzalez.

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FBI in Zamboanga City for police trainings

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States defense department are in the city to conduct an evaluation of the needs of the police for trainings similar to the Balikatan.

PNP Deputy Director General Ricardo de Leon said the American observers would also make similar assessments for police officers assigned in Basilan.

"It's similar to the Balikatan. We thought that the police should also be recipients (of trainings)," De Leon said.

The US has been actively providing training to the military.

The trainings have even led to the formation of special military units against terror groups.

De Leon said that initial discussions with their American counterparts focused on trainings for policemen so they could also build their capability against terrorism.

He said the planned training for police officers was still in the drawing board.

Chief Supt. Prospero Noble Junior, Western Mindanao police chief, said it was important for the Americans "to assess our capabilities in varied areas and where they can help us."

Senior Supt. Angelito Casimiro, intelligence chief for Western Mindanao, said the American observers were led by William Lamp, chief of the US Embassy's Regional Security Office. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Scientists worried over seismic survey in search of oil in Dumaguete City

By Alex V. Pal
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—If tourists who go on dolphin and whale watching tours in the Tañon Strait are advised not to clap their hands and whistle so as not to harm the sensitive hearing senses of dolphins, what damage would a seismic survey do?

This was the concern raised by Andrea Leonor Bautista, a veterinarian who manages the Cetacean Research and Conservation Project of the World Wildlife Fund-Philippines based here following a seismic survey undertaken by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Japan Petroleum Exploration Company (Japex) last May.

Bautista expressed concern after sightings of dolphins were reported off the coast of Dumaguete City and the southern town of Bacong, which are outside of the Tañon Strait, their natural habitat.

"Contrary to popular belief that dolphins and whales only abound in the southern portion of the Tañon Strait, our maps of cetacean distribution show that the dolphins occupy the entire strait," she said.

Tañon Strait, which is home to 11 of the 24 marine mammals found in the Philippines, has been declared a Protected Seascape through Presidential Proclamation 1234 issued by President Fidel V. Ramos.

The DOE and Japex conducted a seismic survey to determine if oil could be drilled from the Tañon Strait. The survey involved the blasting of seismic pulses for 15 days starting the second week of May.

The search was kept a secret until one week before it started when the Japex issued an advisory to all boats in the area to stay five kilometers away from the RV Veritas Searcher, which was conducting the seismic survey.

The DOE has estimated that the Tañon Strait could yield up to one billion barrels of oil. Before any drilling could be done, two more tests have to be conducted, which is getting more marine mammal scientists worried.

Negros Oriental Gov. George Arnaiz and Bais City Mayor Hector "Tata" Villanueva have scored the DOE during Friday's meeting of the Regional Development Council in Central Visayas for failing to coordinate with local officials.

"I've received advice from cetologists telling me not to look for stranded animals as the impact of the sound underwater tends to burst air bladders (i.e. swim bladders for fish, lungs for marine mammals) and the animals affected may have well sunk to the ocean floor from ruptured lungs," Bautista said.

Bautista, who went to the area being surveyed, said fishermen in Guihulngan town had also complained that the vessels involved in the survey had cut their fish aggregating devices, locally called *payao*, and that there were no more fish to catch.

She said that as she was going to the area last May 20, the water was as flat as oil and no dolphins appeared that day, when previous visits showed several sightings of marine mammals.

Bautista e-mailed marine mammal experts throughout the world and shared some concern over the seismic tests.

John Y. Wang, a Taiwan-based cetologist, said that given the steep walls of the sides of the strait, the sounds will be bouncing back and forth several times, like an echo chamber.

Shabu chemicals seized in Bulacan

MARILAO, Bulacan—Police seized at least P730 million worth of chemicals used in the manufacture of shabu in a warehouse in Barangay Patubig here on Friday.

PNP Deputy Director General Ricardo de Leon, chief of the police's Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Force (AIDSOTF), said the chemicals were found in bottles, crates and styrofoam containers in the warehouse being rented by Willy Sy, a Taiwanese.

De Leon said Sy was renting the warehouse from fellow Taiwanese Wi Fai Wang, who is also known as Yu Chang Chen.

The warehouse is at the ground floor of a two-story building owned by Wi.

Wi, however, told policemen that she did not know about Sy's operations.

De Leon said the police recovered P722 million worth of ephedrine and P8 million worth of other chemicals in the warehouse. Also recovered were eight drums of undetermined chemicals, assorted beakers, more than 4,000 crates of hydrochloric acid and more than 2,000 crates of acetone and other materials used in manufacturing shabu.

Senior Supt. Benjamin Michael Fokno, Bulacan police director, said their information showed that Sy was planning to convert the warehouse into a shabu laboratory and use a nearby fish ball factory as a front for his operations.

Fokno said the raid came after several days of surveillance by personnel of AIDSOTF, anti-illegal drugs operatives from Central Luzon police command in Pampanga, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group and the Bulacan police. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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Blending Islam with mainstream subjects

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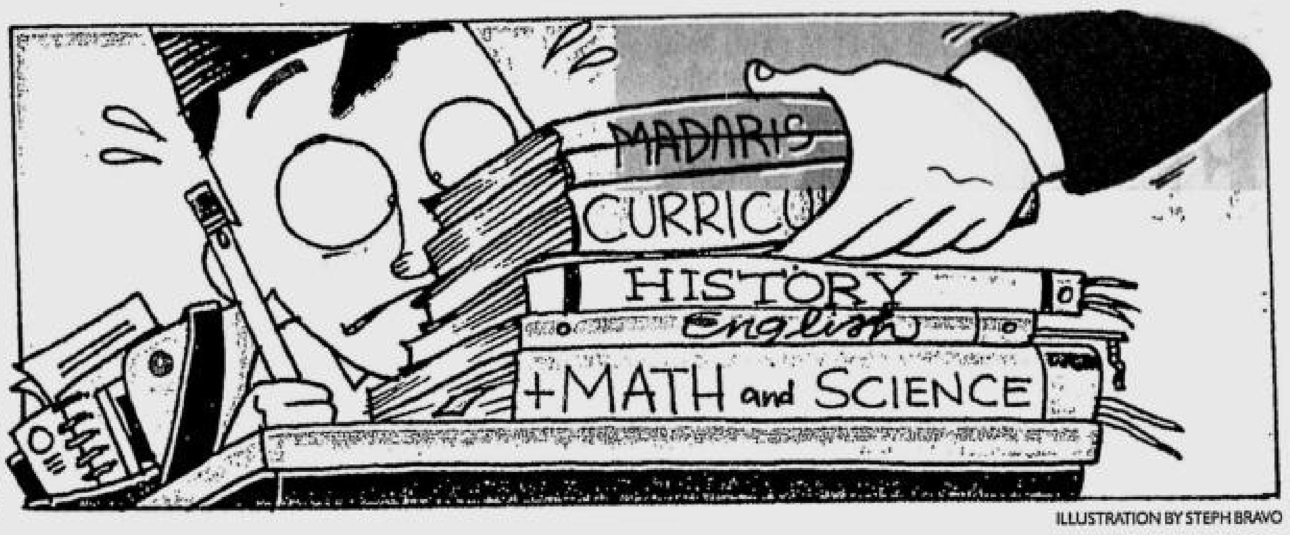

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INTEGRATING the Arabic *madrasa* (school) system into the mainstream Philippine education means blending *madaris* lessons with conventional elementary and secondary subjects for students in predominantly Muslim areas.

The "harmonized" *madaris* (plural of *madrasa*) curricula under Department of Education Order No. 51 of 2004 provide Islamic values plus reading and writing in Arabic for elementary students; and guidance, local history, reading (*kuruf*) and understanding (*tafsir*) of the Koran for high school students.

World history for Filipino Muslims, would deal with the spread of Islam and the Prophet Muhammad's exile in Madina where he was a member and later head of a governing council formed by the Adhzaal Kitab (People of the Book).

With mathematics, science, English and Pilipino as remaining major subjects, the integrated *madaris* curricula merely put additional loads of compulsory learning on students in Muslim communities, although optional to non-Muslim learners.

The combination of Western and Arabic subjects in a curriculum is not new in a Catholic country. A compilation of Dr. Jose Rizal's school records by biographers Gregorio F. Zaide, Rizalina S. Bartolome and Melinda B. Orosa, reveals that the national hero simultaneously studied Spanish literature and Arabic language (1884-1885) when he took up "Doctorate in Medicine" (probably as medicine was called then) at the Central University of Madrid.

And "having studied the (Arabic) language, would it be entirely impossible that Rizal had also read the Koran and, therefore, had also studied Islam?" asked Dr. Salipada Tamano, a former education secretary of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

According to ARMM DepEd Asst. Sec. Macalinog Saliguin, there are around 8,000 *madaris* throughout the country, mostly found in the ARMM provinces. Only 1,561—less than 20 percent—have been registered with or accredited by DepEd.

"There is actually no increase in the total number [of *madaris*], only the number of registered *madaris* is increasing because of the accreditation campaign of the department," explained a DepEd official.

The large number of privately-run *madaris* can be credited to the fact that learning is not only a matter of right, but is also a part of worship (*ibada*), a religious obligation (*fardu*) of Muslim men and women.

The first verse of the Koran starts with a Divine Commandment that says, "Iqra! (Read, Proclaim or Declare) the Name of Allah, Most Compassionate, Most Merciful... And it is He Who "Taught the use of pen, and Taught man what he knew not."

Islamizing education

In the process of integration, ARMM education officials admitted to have once gone overboard with a catchphrase "Islamizing public education in ARMM," which they wanted scrapped, lest it triggered a constitutional question in view of the separation of church and state clause of the Charter.

"This could be misconstrued in a way that the government is providing funds for Islamizing education and for Islamized schools to continue to exist," lamented another Muslim educator.

Then DepEd Sec. Edilberto de Jesus said the promulgation of the Standard Basic Education Curriculum (SBEC) for Public Schools and Madaris also provides for the "development of instructional materials in five learning areas, such as Arabic language and Islamic values in all elementary grade levels in public schools."

SBEC also prescribes learning materials and references, including the Qur'an (Koran), and on Aqeeda (faith) and Fiqh or law (basics), and Seerah (history) and Hadith (narratives on the Prophet) and Arabic languages, Islamic values and Islamic studies for secondary public schools and private Madaris: "The instructional materials should be culturally sensitive and contextualized Revised Basic Education Curriculum (RBEC)."

The SBEC for *madaris* and public schools follows the conventional period and six-grade levels for elementary and four years for high school. The standard Arabic education covers a six-level *ibtidai* (elementary) and three years of *muttwasit* (i.e., includes a two-year of provisionary period and a year of bridge) and two years *thanawi* (high school).

Saliguin said the department also provides an accreditation system for privately-run *madaris*. Accreditation and equivalency program are also in place to allow students to transfer or continue studies from the *madaris* of mixed Arabic-English medium to conventional schools of combined English-Arabic curricula, and vice versa.

Officials fear, however, that if strict schools accreditation prerequisites were followed, many private *madaris* could fail DepEd-ARMM standards. Many *madaris* in far-flung areas are attended by *ustadzes*, most of whom studied preaching and religious activities, and only very few have faculty members specializing in language, mathematics or science—like those of the Islamic Call for Guidance (Iscag) in Luzon and the Eeman Institute and Sultan Kudarat Islamic Academy in Maguindanao.

To address this problem, the DepEd and the Australian Aid are jointly undertaking a capability-building program under Basic Education Assistance for Muslims (Beam), in addition to their partnership on formulating the "harmonized" elementary and secondary curricula.

The DepEd-Beam training program includes school administrative and staff development.

Journalist Samson Gogo said he found out that ironically, a Catholic-run elementary training laboratory has better blended curriculum, where his children now were learning Islamic lessons better and faster than they were in an exclusive *madaris* that used to be funded with *zakat* (roughly, obligatory religious tithe) from a foreign Islamic bank.

This and many *madaris* had reportedly closed shop when the government's Anti-Money Laundering Council went stringent on dollar remittances from Islamic sources, passing through the Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas for fear they might end up being used by terror groups.

But that's another story altogether.

But with or without the *madaris* integration program, facts remain that ARMM has one of the lowest survival rate (of graduates) in elementary level 42.02 percent from 78.12 percent participation rate of enrollees of children age 7-12 years old. This is mostly blamed on recent years' displacement of families due to armed conflict.

The region has 603,953 enrollees requiring 16,292 classrooms. There are only 13,024 classrooms or about 80 percent of the required A number of them are dilapidated though.

Educators want to prevent kids from joining conflict

MARAWI CITY—Educators are pushing for strict compliance by Arabic schools to the standards of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to deter children from being involved in armed conflict.

Dr. Salipada Tamano, a former regional secretary of the Department of Education in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (DepEd-ARMM) noted that the *madaris* (Arabic for schools) have until recently become the subject of "some inaccurate reports that the schools breed terrorism."

The Basic Education Assistance for Muslim (Beam), a social project funded by Australian Aid, trained *madaris* administrators on June 27-30 the essentials of child rights standards set by the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) in implementing the DepEd-approved integrated curriculum of Arabic and conventional subjects in the ARMM.

Madaris administrators were taught to help establish a "caring and nurturing *madaris* environment, the Unicef standards," among other things during the three-day *madrasa* (singular of *Madaris*) management training series in Cotabato City, said Dr. Hanifa Disomangcop, Beam schools development manager.

Registered 'madaris'

Dr. Macalinog Saligoin, assistant secretary of DepEd ARMM and Beam deputy project manager for ARMM, noted that only 1,015 of more than 8,000 *madaris* nationwide were originally registered. The reported increase on the number of *madaris* has been accounted based on the increasing number of registered and not on the actual number of *madaris* organized, he said.

But Saligoin said more *madaris* owners are now registering their schools with the DepEd, owing to the department's campaign in its partnership program with Beam, which also forms part of the multi-pronged ARMM Social Fund Project (ASFP).

He said the growing number of *madaris* could only be appreciated in light of the fact that among Muslims, learning constitutes a form of worship.

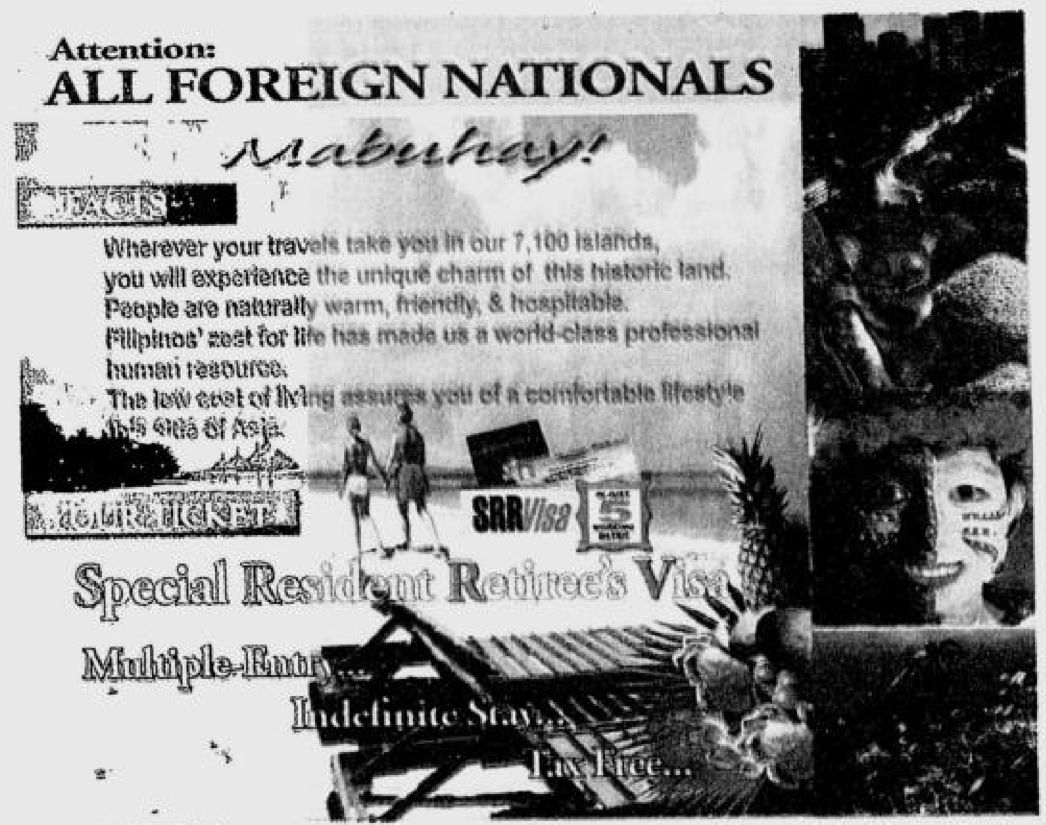
Kalunsiang Dilalen, former regional manager of the International Labor Organization-Philippine Program, said ILO has similar concerns on children involved in armed conflict, considered by the UN Development Program as the worse form of child labor (WFCL).

Lawyer Anwar Malang of the Strategic Human Education for Peace, Harmony, Environment and Resource Development (Shepherd-Mindanao) in Cotabato City said the number of children involved in armed conflict (CIAC) has been hardly established by UN-commissioned studies in Mindanao.

Action program

He said Shepherd has formulated an action program that would establish a mechanism which would directly involve parents, teachers, and community and religious leaders as well as policymakers in obtaining a more accurate data on the number of CIAC and ways of addressing the problem.

He said the action program would include holding a series of sessions and briefings among parents and siblings of CIAC with Muslim religious authorities on an international fatwa (scholarly opinion based on Islam) titled "The Koran and the International Conventions" which was published in a May 1962 edition of the International Review of the Red Cross (RRC) in Geneva. *Nash B. Maulana*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SUBJECT : Deferment of Revenue Regulations 14-2005
TO : All Internal Revenue Officers and Others Concerned.

In compliance with the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) in the cases of Association of Pilipinas Shell Dealers et.al. versus Cesar V. Purisima, in his capacity as Secretary of the Department of Finance, et. al. (G.R. No. 168461) and Francis Joseph G. Escudero et. al. versus Cesar V. Purisima, in his capacity as Secretary of Finance, et. al. (G.R. No. 168463) promulgated by the Supreme Court on 1 July 2005, the implementation of RR 14-2005 is hereby deferred until such time as the TRO is subsequently lifted by the Supreme Court.

However, value-added taxes already collected and for which VAT invoice/receipt has been issued shall be declared in the monthly VAT declaration for the month pertaining thereto and remitted to the Bureau of Internal Revenue on or before the deadline required for the filing thereof.

All non-VAT invoices/receipts which were stamped as VAT invoice in compliance with RR No. 14-2005 shall be re-stamped with the following words on the face of the invoice in red ink: "Non-VAT no input allowed." Furthermore, a line shall be drawn across the previously stamped words "VAT-registered". All those VAT taxpayers who become exempt from VAT under RA 9337, who had stamped their VAT invoice with the words "Non-VAT registered as of _____" shall draw a red line across the word "Non".

In line with the TRO, the Bureau shall revert the VAT status of concerned taxpayers to their registration status prior to July 1, 2005 and make the necessary notification.

All taxpayers shall be liable for the taxes and the tax rates they were subject to prior to the effectivity of Republic Act No. 9337 on July 1, 2005.

All revenue officers are hereby enjoined to give this Circular as wide a publicity as possible.

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Small paper reaching Filipinos far and wide

By DJ Yap

AT 20,000, the circulation of "Tinig ng Marino" may just be a small fraction of that of broadsheets, but the full-color tabloid can boast of a more global reach.

Distributed in nearly 500 ports in several countries, the independent newspaper connects Filipino seafarers from different and distant parts, keeping them abreast of events on the seas, as well as at home.

"Tinig ng Marino" aimed to be the voice and watchdog of a sector of society that's often overlooked—the maritime industry, said executive editor Nelson Ramirez.

Burning issues

The paper reports on such issues as the inadequacy of maritime training in local schools, legal rights of seafarers, and regulation of licensed seafarers.

From an eight-page black and white publication, with an initial run of only 1,000 copies in November 1994, Tinig now has some 40 pages with ad placements from countries like Holland, England and Korea.

The bimonthly is read on every oceangoing vessel manned by members of the United Filipino Seafarers (UFS), and in countries with a thriving maritime industry, said Ramirez, UFS founding chair.

"Although revenues from ads are robust, we don't earn very much because of production and shipping costs," he said. Still, profit was the last thing on Ramirez's mind when he conceptualized the paper just after founding UFS.

Tinig is an advocate of seafarers' rights and Ramirez's vehicle to call attention to the plight of seafarers.

Since 1994, Ramirez has been on a personal crusade to help solve problems of the maritime industry, particularly those relating to conditions of seafarers like him.

High-paying job

A seaman for 20 years, the father of three left his high-paying job as marine engineer to help seafarers who needed a leader. UFS now has 35,000 members.

Ramirez worked to speed up processing of documents needed by seamen. He opposed the transfer of the issuance of seafarers' identification and record book from the Coast Guard to the Marina, fearing it would slow down the process.

He considered it a victory when Marina cut the seafarer's waiting period from one month to just one day.

UFS also helps seafarers in legal battles resulting from ignorance of laws about illegal dismissal, disability and death benefits, among other things.

Ramirez said the UFS had launched campaigns against substandard maritime schools. He noted that, while other countries had only one or two maritime schools, the Philippines had 133, "including unlicensed ones."

Ramirez felt the country should pay more attention to the shipping industry.

"What is transshipment of cargo? At first, it might seem that it's nothing, that there's no money there, but if we look closer, we'll see how Singapore became rich," he said.

Income from transshipment is made from the moment a ship docks at a port to the time the crew goes shopping in local stores, he said.

THE 'VOICE' of Nelson Ramirez spans the globe to inform Filipino seafarers of their needs, rights and obligations as they crisscross the world. REM ZAMORA

Taguig gives special children a chance at education

By Jocelyn R. Uy

A TOTAL of 558 special children will soon enjoy their right to education in Taguig City.

A Special Education (SPED) Center that will provide high-quality basic education to the city's special children will soon be established in the heart of the city, said Mayor Freddie Tinga.

Tinga said the SPED Center would strive to hone the capabilities of the children for them to fully realize their potentials and become productive members of society.

He cited the need to develop their capabilities for them to be able to later join regular classes and eventually gain employment.

Data from the city's Office of the Disabled Affairs show that Taguig has at least 1,374 residents with hearing, visual and speech impairments or are suffering from mental retardation or autism.

Of these, 558 are aged 5 to 15, said Myla Valencia, head of the Office of the Disabled Affairs.

The mayor said that these children had limited or no access to basic learning opportunities.

Because of that situation, the City Council passed two months ago Ordinance No. 33 that established the SPED Center and allocated funding for it.

At the center, the children will be provided programs suitable to their individual needs.

The SPED Center will be housed at the city's Sentro Kalinga in Lower Bicutan, where the city gives free health services, particularly nutrition and prenatal care.

Sentro Kalinga, launched only in March, is a project of Tinga's wife Kaye, who also chairs the city's Board of Women.

Under the special education program, the children's parents will be allowed to participate in the planning of their curriculum.

"This would help parents clearly understand the needs of their children for their proper care," Tinga said.

Over in Manila, parents and teachers appealed to media, specifically to broadcast networks, to make their programs more child-sensitive.

TV networks should be prudent in their choice of programs and the times they air them, especially those with sensitive topics, parents and teachers said during a symposium on Child-Sensitive Television at City Hall recently.

They also encouraged other members of the public, especially adults, to be more careful in their use of television.

"Allowing our children to use it without guidance can be dangerous," a parent said.

With the theme "Understanding Media and its Effects on Children Today," the symposium was attended by about 300 parents, teachers and principals from the city's schools and barangays.

With Tina G. Santos

Holiday pay sought for casuals

By Tina G. Santos

A MANILA councilor has proposed an ordinance seeking to provide holiday pay to contractual and casual employees in the local government.

Councilor Ma. Lourdes Isip-Garcia said the "no work, no pay" policy was unfair since nonpermanent employees were also battling the rising cost of living.

"The present policy aggravates the situation of many families who have contractual and casual employees as breadwinners. It discourages them from working harder and instills a negative attitude toward their jobs," Isip-Garcia said.

On nonworking special holidays, permanent employees are paid full days' wages but contractual and casual government employees are not.

Isip-Garcia cited a provision in the Constitution which stated that "the State shall promote a just social order to ensure prosperity... and free people from poverty through policies that provide a rising standard of living and improved quality of life for all."

"The 'no work, no pay' policy concept is against the Constitution," she said.

In her proposal, all contractual and casual employees in the city who have rendered at least one year of continuous service would be entitled to payment of the corresponding daily wages during special public holidays.

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Guard finds drugs in rice

PASAY City jail guards apprehended a female visitor at about 5 p.m. yesterday after she tried to smuggle into the facility some 30 grams of suspected shabu. Darlene Santamaria, 22, of Bulacan, reportedly hid the drugs in a packet of rice intended for Bong Ko Chun, a Korean detainee. JO1 Juanito Celorio discovered the shabu during inspection at the jail entrance. Santamaria reportedly tried to flee but was collared by other jail guards. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

Daylight burglary

A SCHOOL principal and a teacher lost more than P100,000 in cash and valuables when burglars broke into their apartment at 113 Pio Valenzuela Street, Marulas, Valenzuela City, Friday. Principal Victoria Cruz, 60, and Carolina Nasario, 42, were in school when the robbers struck. *Nancy C. Carvajal*

Wear a crash helmet

METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando told motorcycle driver to always wear a crash helmet or pay the price. Fernando gave this reminding as he noted an upsurge in the number of accidents involving motorcycles in the metropolis this year. Data from the Traffic Enforcement Group show that the number of motorcycle-related accidents already reached 2,713 from January to April, or a 170-percent increase from the same period last year. In this year's incidents, 26 fatalities were reported for the first quarter alone. Consequently, the MMDA will be adding more teeth to its "no helmet, no ride" policy. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

Price ceiling in Las Piñas

AIMING to thwart any unreasonable increases in the prices of goods, Las Piñas Mayor Imelda T. Aguilar has ordered the city Price Monitoring Council to go after unscrupulous market vendors. In a directive, Aguilar said the council should punish traders or businessmen who would unjustly hike the prices of their goods. The mayor specifically ordered the monitoring of prices in public and private markets, flea markets and commercial areas. Monitoring will be on the prices of rice, fish, poultry and meat products, vegetables and processed food like milk, sugar, coffee and juices.

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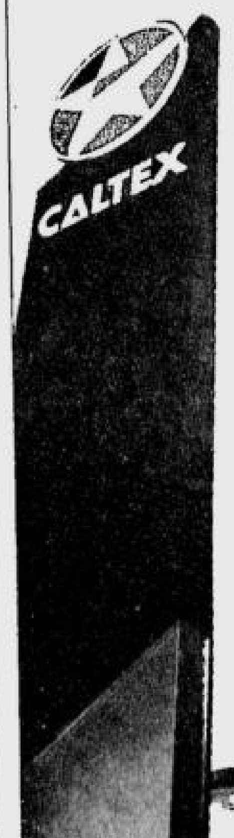

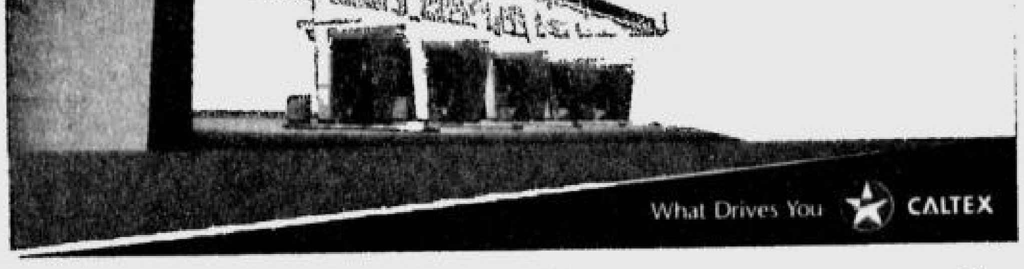

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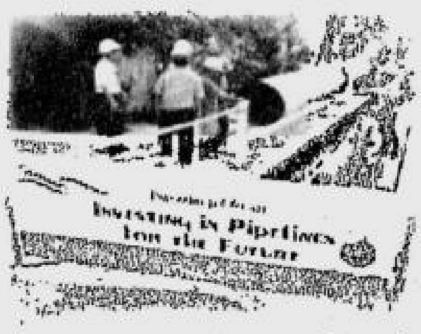
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Meanwhile, the second interruption will occur in some portion of Quezon City, beginning 10:00 p.m., July 5, up to 4:00 a.m., July 6. Affected areas are: T. Sora (left side) from Visayas Avenue to Doña Sotera, St. Joseph Townhomes, Carmel 3 Subdivision, Ramos Compound, St. Dominic 5 and 6 and Pilarville.

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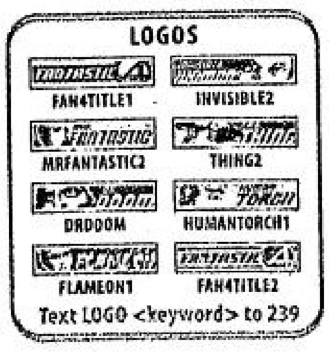

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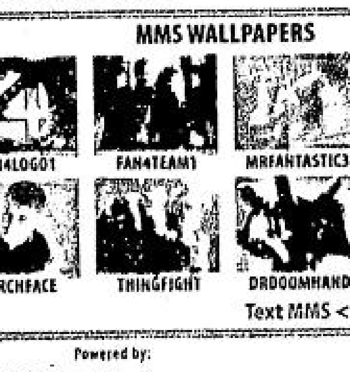

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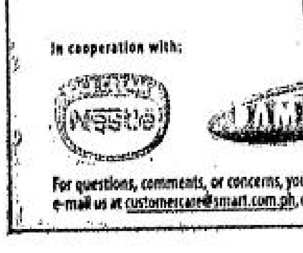

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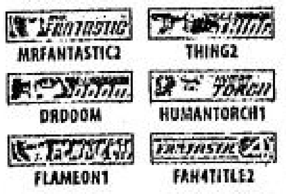

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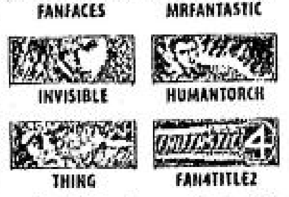

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Beermen expect tougher Phone Pals in Game 2

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EXPECTING an entirely different opponent than the one it pummeled, San Miguel Beer hopes to reassert its mastery over Talk 'N Text in Game 2 of the Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference Finals today at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Beermen greeted Asi Taulava's reinstatement with a convincing 74-66 win in the opener of the best-of-seven series where the Phone Pals played one of their worst games in years.

"I'm sure they (Phone Pals) will work on their offense and come in prepared for Sunday's (today) game," said San Miguel Beer coach Jong Uichico.

Aside from scoring their lowest output under coach Joel Banal, the Phone Pals also saw its 70-game streak of scoring at least 80 points dating back to the 2003 All-Filipino Cup Finals end.

The horrendous field-goal shooting of its starters led to the anemic point production of Talk 'N Text and Taulava's return from a nine-month suspension was partly to blame.

"It's been a while since they played with him (in a PBA game) so that could be a factor," said Uichico. "But after today's (yesterday) practice, it will be entirely different on Sunday."

Jerald Honeycutt, Willie Miller and Jimmy Alapag misfired on 31 of 46 attempts from the field with Honeycutt bungling all his six three-point shots and Miller shooting only 22 percent after going three of 14.

"I had a difficult time getting used to the plastic on my face. It made me feel uncomfortable," said Miller, who wore a mask to protect a broken nose he suffered in the semifinals against Shell.

Uichico was quick to add, however, that San Miguel's well-devised defensive strategy forced the Phone Pals to shoot poorly and commit several turnovers.

"We played superb defense against them. If we could sustain that kind of defense throughout the series, then there's a great chance," said Uichico.

"I'm sure they will make the necessary adjustments and we will make ours, too," added the multititled coach who steered the Beermen to five championship titles from 1999-2001.

Ace Custis, Danny Ildefonso, Dondon Hontiveros and Olsen Racela took charge of scoring in Game 1 while Nic Belasco and Dorian Peña focused on the dirty work, which was containing Honeycutt and Taulava.

The Beermen, who again requested their fans watching Game 2 live to wear red, were in complete control that old reliable Danny Seigle was only used sparingly. Seigle is recuperating from a sprained ankle he suffered more than a month ago.

June Navarro

PBA backing nat'l five all the way

By June Navarro

THE PHILIPPINE Basketball Association will not abandon the national team with or without the Basketball Association of the Philippines.

Commissioner Noli Eala said the league would continue developing the programs designed for the RP team following the recent expulsion of the BAP from the Philippine Olympic Committee family.

Eala stressed that regardless of personalities or affiliations, the PBA will in no way cut short the country's quest to regain its lofty status in the international basketball scene.

"There's no plan of reneging on our commitment to the national team," Eala told the INQUIRER. "We will continue doing this with any group whose objective is to help the national team regain its old stature."

The PBA Board of Governors is expected to call an emergency meeting next week to tackle the fate of the league's memorandum of agreement with the BAP. The MOA was forged to allow the PBA to beef up the RP team with its players.

"If the BAP is the proper body to talk to in this undertaking, we will continue to honor the agreement. If there's another entity empowered to do it, we will strike a deal with them," said Eala.

The Philippine Basketball Federation Inc. (PBFI) has been sanctioned by the POC to replace the BAP, but the new group has yet to elect its set of officers and secure the blessings of the International Basketball Federation (Fiba), the world governing body for the sport.

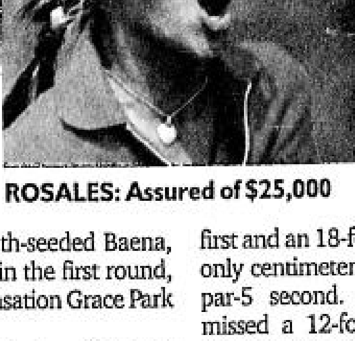
"I don't want to comment on the expulsion of the BAP. It's an internal matter between the POC and the NSA (national sports association)," said Eala. "We should respect the proceedings and keep ourselves at a distance."

On the pro league's involvement in the Southeast Asian Basketball Association championships slated in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday, Eala said there is no standing request to send an all-professional team.

"We have not approved any proposal to send an all-professional team. This is precisely the fear of the PBA. The league might be tapped in other tournaments outside of what was already agreed. It smacks of monotony," said Eala.

The PBA has agreed to field a team in the Fiba-Asia Championships and, if it qualifies, in the world championships and in the Olympics. Under the MOA, the Asian Games, Southeast Asian Games and other lesser regional tournaments will be the sole concerns of the BAP.

Rosales advances; Delasin stumbles



ROSALES: Assured of $25,000

GLADSTONE, New Jersey—Jennifer Rosales succeeded where Dorothy Delasin failed, using a convincing victory over a noted veteran golfer as a ticket to the third round of the HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship Friday.

Rosales spanked Hall of Famer Beth Daniel, 5-4, arranging a third-round duel with Colombia's upset-conscious Marisa Baena. The 60th-seeded Baena, who took out Natalie Gulbis in the first round, knocked off South Korean sensation Grace Park in a 19th-hole duel.

The victory thus assured Rosales of at least $25,000, the guaranteed purse for third-round losers.

Delasin wasn't as lucky and settled for $10,000.

AJ Earthorne held off the hard-fighting Fil-Am, 1-up, to advance to the next round.

Annika Sorenstam survived a scare in the second round, sinking a 30-foot birdie on the 21st hole to beat 32nd-seed Tina Barrett.

Coming off a tie for 23rd place last week in the US Women's Open, Sorenstam overcame three two-hole deficits before taking her first lead with a conceded par on the par-3 17th. The Swede needed only to halve the par-4 18th to win, but bogeyed the hole—missing an 8-foot par try—to send the match back to No. 1.

"I had a lot of putts on the edges again," said Sorenstam, who also struggled Thursday on Hamilton Farm's rain-softened greens in her 2-and-1 victory over Joanne Morley. "It wasn't until that last putt that I really had one go in."

Barrett, winless since taking the 1989 Ocean State Open in her first season on the US LPGA Tour, made pressure putts to extend the match on the first two extra holes—an 8-footer for par on the par-4 first and an 18-footer for birdie with Sorenstam only centimeters from the cup in three on the par-5 second. On the par-3 third, Barrett missed a 12-foot birdie try after Sorenstam holed her long birdie putt.

While Sorenstam avoided an upset, second-seeded Cristie Kerr and No. 4 Paula Creamer were eliminated. The top-seeded Sorenstam and No. 8 Candie Kung—both in the upper bracket—are the only players seeded 12 or higher to survive the first two rounds, and No. 14 Wendy Ward is the only one in the top 29 left in the lower bracket.

Sorenstam advanced to face 48th-seeded Rachel Hetherington, a 5-and-4 winner over No. 16 Kim Mi Hyun.

Kerr and Creamer were eliminated a day after No. 3 Lorena Ochoa, No. 5 Natalie Gulbis and sixth-seeded Kim tumbled out. Swedish veteran Liselotte Neumann beat Kerr, 4 and 3, birdieing seven of 15 holes in a possible Solheim Cup preview.

Karrie Webb beat Creamer, 2 and 1.

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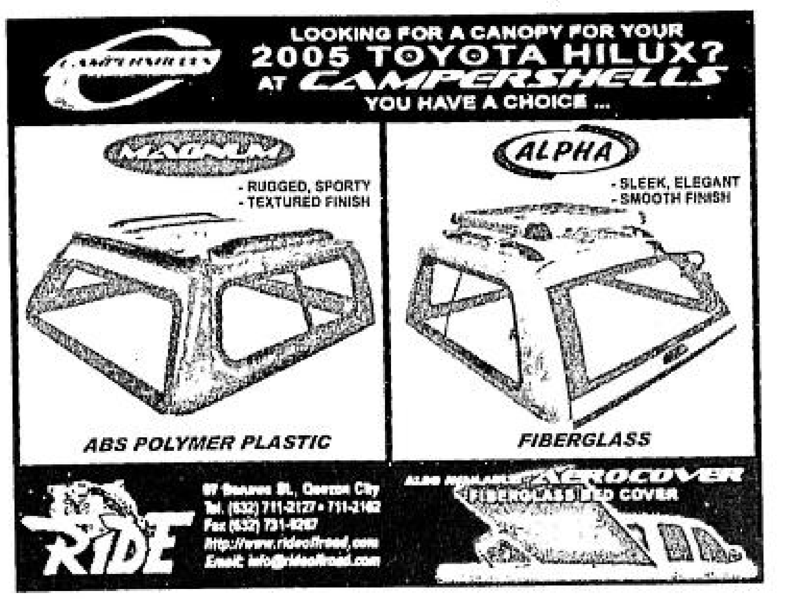
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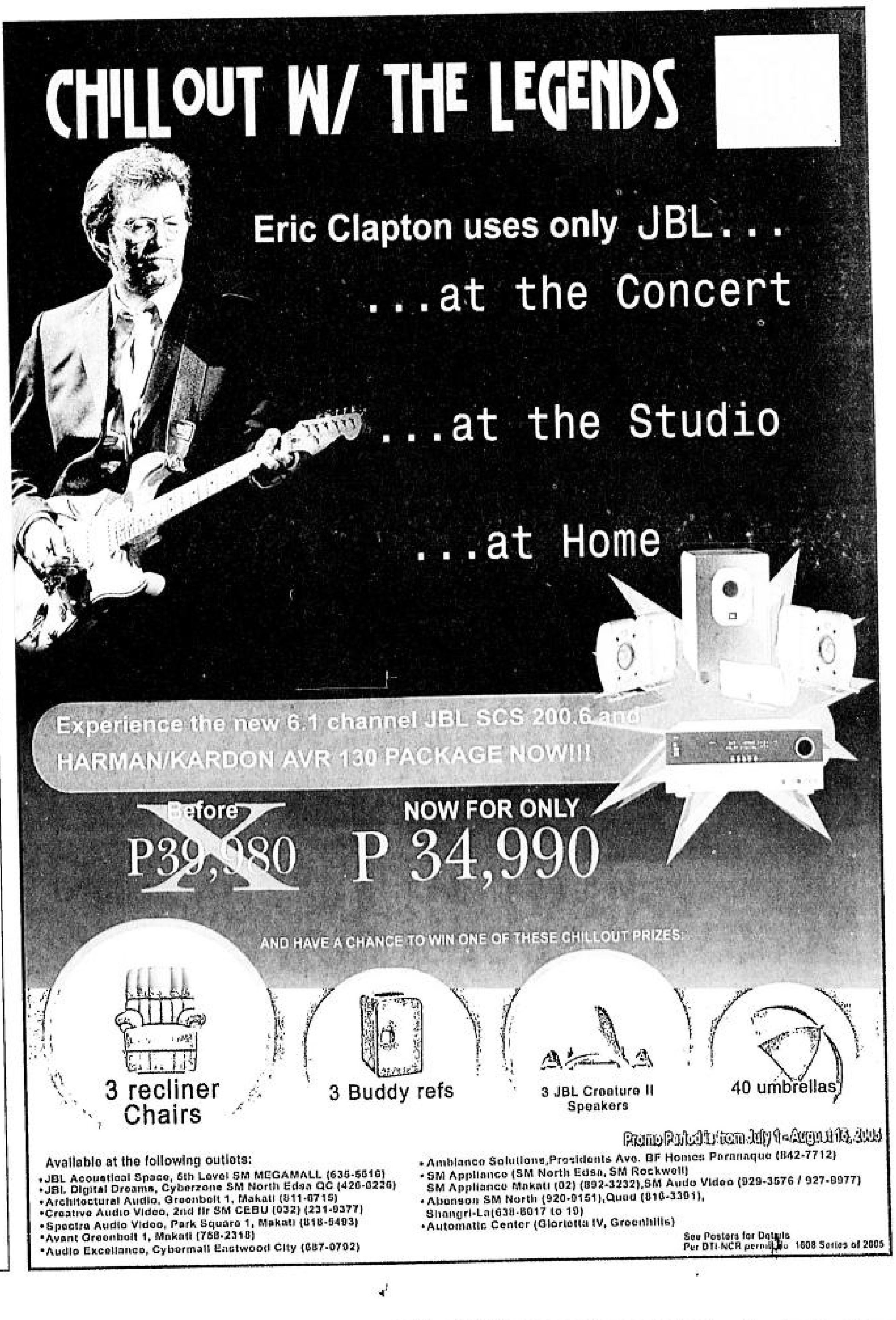
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GAB ready to assist Pacquiao vs Nazario

By Salven L. Lagumbay
Contributor

THE GAMES and Amusements Board yesterday threw its support behind Manny Pacquiao if the Filipino ring idol decides to have his former business manager, Rod Nazario, probed for allegedly mishandling his financial affairs in his US fights.

It has been reported that Pacquiao's American lead counsel, Judd Burstein, had suggested that Nazario be investigated following what he called "out and out lies" concerning matters with regard to Pacquiao's tax obligations with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

"The GAB's mandate is over the affairs of our champion Manny Pacquiao," said GAB chair Eric Buhain. "If Manny requests such investigation from the GAB, then we will conduct the investigation."

Burstein's suggestion to have Nazario probed came on the heels of a well-publicized settlement between Pacquiao and his ex-promoter, Murad Muhammad, before an eight-man jury could hand down a verdict on the $33-million suit lodged by the Filipino star against Muhammad.

Buhain, however, cautioned that should Nazario be probed, "the investigation will be based only on valid and verifiable allegations," and qualified that as far as the US court is concerned, "we can only assist if they may need assistance for their own courts of law, like we did in Manny's New York court win through copies of contracts, etc."

Buhain said that if the request comes from US courts or Pacquiao's US lawyers to conduct an investigation in the Philippines, "that would not be the appropriate procedure."

SPORTSWATCH

Shell active chess goes to SM Baguio

THE SECOND leg of the Shell National Youth Active Chess Championships will be held July 9-10 at SM City Baguio. The event, sponsored by Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., is expected to draw 500 students and out-of-school youth in the 14-year-and-under (kiddies) and 20-and-under (juniors) brackets with the top three finishers in each group gaining berths in the national finals slated Oct. 15-16 in SM City North Edsa, Quezon City. Registration is now open. Entry fee is P50. Only the first 500 applicants will be accepted for this leg. For details, call Brix Domondon Jr. at 4469103 or Alex Dinoy at 0916-5146384 or 7441664.

Pampanga boys top Super X Series

THE PAMPANGA Boys easily dominated the Aggressive In-Line event, as they ruled all the age groups of the recent Phil. Super X Series. Paul Lagunzad, Richard Limon and Justin Bugasto got the top three spots, respectively, same thing with the juniors division with Allan Legaspi and Joshua Sarmiento taking first and second spots. In the BMX Flatland, national team member and many-time champion Jojo Sanchez of Bulacan trounced veteran Paul Rodriguez of Cavite City for the crown while Carl Jabalbag of La Union takes third place. In the Juniors Division, JV Navarro of Pampanga defeated Leon Sanchez of Bataan for the first spot. In the Skateboarding Division, Makati boy Eunice Quinlantang ruled the seniors' division while Olongapo's Ricky Dizon and Adrian Florez settled for second and third, respectively. In the junior class, Jasper Brown of Pasig edged Kenneth Evangelista of Zambales for the crown.

Fistorama features Muyco-Nietes bout

TANDUAY'S Fistorama this afternoon features the lightflyweight bout between Elmer Muyco and Donnie Nietes. The bout was held recently at the New Gallera de Mandaue in Cebu in a fight card promoted by Rex "Wakee" Salud and is shown worldwide through ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV. The event, supported by Tanduay, PCSO and Mapecon, is aired nationwide at 4 p.m., Sundays on RPN 9. The longest-running local TV sports program, "Golf Power Plus," featuring the elimination round of the Cantada Sports Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Challenge airs at 3 p.m.

Coseteng eyes Touring Car sweep

DEFENDING champion Jody Coseteng of San Miguel Beer hopes to continue his streak in the third leg of the 2005 Petron National Touring Car Championship set July 9-10 at the Batangas Racing Circuit. Coseteng pulled a sweep in the last leg that hiked his total to 57 points in this event sanctioned by the Automobile Association of the Philippines. The expected rains on race day could change the complexion of the competition and give his rivals Dominic Bon, Oscar Aguilar of Caltex Havoline, Francis Godinez and Don Pastor the needed break for a big upset. Bon is second overall with 40 points while Aguilar is just four points behind with 36 in the event sponsored by Petron Ultron, Toyota Motors Phils., Norkis Yamaha, Kilton Motors, Denso, MOF Company and Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. Godinez and Pastor are fourth and fifth, respectively, with 27 and 25 points.

One-armed runner ready for Para Games

AFTER an inspiring win in the season-opener of the Milo Marathon, Isidro Vildosola is looking to take on the big names in the national finals later this year before embarking on an ever tougher mission in the 3rd Asean Para Games to be hosted by the country in December. Vildosola, a one-armed runner, won the 21-kilometer opening leg of the Milo marathon recently in General Santos City, booking a slot in the national finals set Oct. 9 in Manila. After that, Vildosola, 28, will gear up for the 3rd Asean Para Games slated Dec. 14-21 where he is looking to snare gold medals in the 400-m, 800-m and 1,500-m events. Philippine Asean Para Games Organizing Committee (Papgoc) chair Michael Barredo said Vildosola's victory bodes well for the Para Games and the disabled sector, noting the one-armed runner's win came on a day when the world celebrated the 111th anniversary of creation of the International Olympic Committee. Barredo pointed out the IOC's thrust is promoting "sports for all," and that Jacques Rogge, president of the IOC, recognizes the disabled sector as a vital part of the Olympic movement. Vildosola is one of 40 athletes in the RP lineup for the 3rd Asean Para Games featuring 10 sports disciplines.

Cebuanos trim Lions in NBC

BAGUIO CITY—Defending champion Tribu Sugbu recovered from a shaky start to subdue the Baguio Lions, 70-60, Friday night in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship at the University of Baguio gym here.

Alex Cainglet and Benjie Ursal combined for 25 points to spark the Skygo/Sirlitz-backed Cebuanos to their fifth win in six games.

The Lions fell to 1-3 in the tourney supported by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Cebu Pacific, Spring Cooking Oil, Accel, Molten, Nature's Spring, Far Eastern Insurance, Skygo Motorcycles, Sirlitz Solutions Provider, Hapee Toothpaste, Dewfoam Corp., KSK Food Products (Boy Bawang), Ping Ping Lechon, Bayview Park Hotel and Holiday Plaza-Cebu.

Newcomer Mantawi (Mandaue) Sparkling Nights lead the Southern Conference with a 3-0 card, followed by Ozamiz (6-1), Tribu (5-1), Iligan (3-4), Valencia (3-4), Cagayan de Oro (1-2), Iloilo (1-4) and Zamboanga del Norte (0-6).

The BAP-RP Training Team is on top in the Northern Conference at 2-0, followed by Forward Taguig (5-1), Parañaque (3-3), Cavite (2-4), Laguna Spring (1-3) and Baguio (1-3).

The scores:

Tribu 70—Cainglet 14, Ursal 11, Briones 9, Guerrero 9, Mercado 7, Ferraren 7, Bucao 5, Almacin 3, Paglinawan 2, Binonggo 2

Baguio 60—Bona 14, Fontanilla 13, Giron 11, Basto 7, Ellinger 5, Eco 4, Balares 3, Ton 3

Quarters: 13-17, 40-34, 57-49, 70-60.

RP-Nature's Spring off today for Seaba meet

GIVEN a new lease on life, the Philippine men's team leaves for Kuala Lumpur today to compete in the Southeast Asian Basketball Association (Seaba) championships slated July 5-9 in Malaysia's capital city.

The National Basketball Conference (NBC), through Nature's Spring, Sulpicio Lines and Spring Cooking Oil, has agreed to support the trip of the team formed by the Basketball Association of the Philippines for the biennial meet where the Filipinos are the reigning champions.

BAP president Joey Lina sought NBC's help at the last minute after the local cage body was expelled by the Philippine Olympic Committee last Thursday.

The team will now be known as RP-Nature's Spring.

"*Basta para sa bayan*, we're always here to help," said NBC president and national shooting champion Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla.

Lina thanked Padilla and said "we're optimistic that we can repay NBC's gesture by bringing home the Seaba title."

The Filipinos will battle the dangerous Malaysians in the tournament inaugural on Tuesday. They will battle the Thais on July 6, the Indonesians on July 7, the Singaporeans on July 8 and the Vietnamese on July 9 at the close of the single-round tournament.

Making up the team are 6-foot-6 Nino Canaleta, 6-4 Dondon Villamin, 6-0 Dominador Javier, 6-9 Samigue Eman, 5-10 Edrick Ferrer, 6-3 Francis Sanz, 6-4 Mel Latoreno, 6-6 Chris Cantonjos, 6-5 Ricky Calimag, 6-2 Ruben dela Rosa, 6-1 Richie Melencio, 5-10 Chito Victolero, 6-3 Randy Alcantara and 5-10 Marlon Kalaw.

At stake in the event are two berths for the Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) Championship in Doha, Qatar, in September.

"The boys have continued practicing despite the criticisms and controversies surrounding the team," said Boysie Zamar, who'll be assisted by Bai Cristobal and Jerry Codinera. "We take all the criticisms as a challenge and hope to translate them into a big success."

The BAP has managed to send its team to the Seaba tilt because it still enjoys Fiba-Asia recognition.

HIGH JUMP: Sweden's Stefan Holm clears the bar during the men's high jump at the Golden League's Gaz de France Paris Saint-Denis Meeting Friday. AFP

PBA denies Compton's request again

ALEX Compton still has no place in the Philippine Basketball Association.

In a recent meeting, the PBA Board of Governors again set aside the request of Compton to play in the pro league because it has more pressing matters to take care of.

"We agree that he's (Compton) a welcome addition to the PBA," said PBA Commissioner Noli Eala.

"Unfortunately, his case is not our priority right now. We must first fix the issues confronting the league before going into another issue," Eala added.

A full-blooded American, the 5-foot-11 Compton grew up in the country and played as a local for the Manila Metrostars of the now-defunct Metropolitan Basketball Association.

The hot-shooting Compton is also seeing action for Montaña Pawnshop in the Philippine Basketball League to keep himself in shape while waiting to get the nod of the PBA.

"For Alex to play, the league must amend its rules to accommodate him," said Eala.

League sources said Compton's entry would set a precedent which players without Filipino blood are bound to exploit.

Zamboanga City hosts adidas Streetball today

ZAMBOANGA City hosts the adidas Streetball Challenge today with 48 teams battling for top honors in the seniors' and girls' divisions of the Pocket tournament at the Ateneo de Zamboanga University covered courts.

The event, sponsored by top sports apparel adidas, serves as the second of three legs slated in the Mindanao qualifier and the penultimate tournament in the four-month, nationwide circuit featuring the top three-on-three teams in the extreme half-court game of street basketball.

Spicing up the event, co-presented by Globe Gentxt, is the Cherifer Shotblock contest. Registration ends Saturday at the Ateneo de Zamboanga. For details, contact Pedro Alfaro Jr. at 0919-4709954. The top placers will gain berths in the regional finals on July 17 at the NCCC gym in Davao City with the winners earning the right to represent Mindanao in the National Finals slated July 30-31 at the Festival Mall in Alabang.

For details, contact Team Ventures at 5225953 or 4009745.

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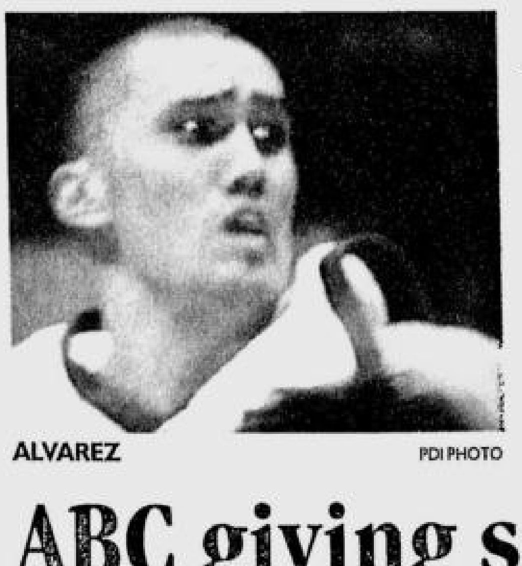

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Alvarez ROY chase frontrunner

SHELL'S Rich Alvarez, a Burlington Shocks XT socks endorser, leads in the statistical race for PBA Rookie of the Year honor this year.

The No. 1 rookie pick was a major force in the Turbo Chargers' amazing advance to the semis after a sloppy finish in the elims, playing key roles in the four straight victories against Sta. Lucia Realty and Purefoods in the wild-card and quarterfinals phases.

The ROY title is being hotly contested this year by Alvarez, who appears in television commercials, print ads and billboards of Burlington, and James Yap of Purefoods.

Alvarez who enjoys the comfort and protection of Burlington socks on and off the court has impressive statistical points. He has a total of 1,183 SP's which is even good for the 18th slot in the MVP race and way ahead of his closest rival for the best freshman accolade.

But statistics from actual games only represent 30 percent of the process while voting by the media, an MVP committee and the players themselves accounts for 70 percent.

ABC giving sports more prime time

IN A BID to establish its place in the local TV arena, the Cojuangco-owned Associated Broadcasting Company (ABC) is looking into sports to develop its own core of viewers and pump up its drive for higher sales revenues.

ABC's management said that sports is big business as it sells equipment, apparel and footwear. It also attracts millions' worth in sponsorships and advertising money and pays millions to star athlete endorsers and image models. ABC found out that there's definitely room for a local free-to-air TV station that would devote substantial prime-time hours to sports.

To reinforce its sports programming (ABC is the carrier of the PBA), the network has entered into a syndication agreement with Asia's No. 1 sports broadcaster and provider, ESPN Star Sports, which is on a campaign to broaden its distribution and coverage across the Asian region where it now has 13 networks.

Through its partnership with ESPN Star Sports, ABC will deliver to Philippine audiences this year over 350 hours of the most-awaited and most-watched sports events in the world calendar.

Sports events licensed to broadcast over ABC are Premier Snooker League 2005, World Snooker Trickshot Masters 2005, 2005 World Tenpin Masters, Asian X Games Cup 2005, Asian X Games VII Korea, US X Games 2005, LPGA Tour 2005, PGA Championships, Senior PGA Championships and Battle at the Bridges 2005, Mosconi Cup, San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Championships 2005, World Pool League 2005, World Pool Masters 2005, World Pool Trickshot Masters 2005, World Professional Pool Championship 2005, Barclays English Premier League (EPL), English Premier League (EPL) Goals, Football Association (FA) Cup.

Asian expansion eyed by Spalding

FOLLOWING the success of the 2005 NBA Finals, Spalding, the world's biggest basketball equipment maker, is looking outside the US for expansion with Asia as one of the key markets for high growth.

Spalding, the official ball of the NBA, said the overseas market has become even more attractive after the NBA Finals (televised in 205 countries including the Philippines) saw its global viewership soar to an all-time high.

The NBA reported that the epic battle between the international players of the San Antonio Spurs and the homegrown boys the Detroit Pistons was watched by a record audience of 115 million viewers worldwide or nearly six times the viewers in the US.

With the emergence of the Spur's Manu Ginobili as the NBA's first international superstar and the Houston Rocket's Yao Ming as one of the NBA best centers, Spalding is confident that the Asian market will continue to attract more hoopsters all over the globe in the medium- to long-term.

Erwin Tan of Proline Sport Center said Spalding would construct 600 Spalding stores in the mainland which is the world's largest basketball market outside the US.

Tan said that Spalding stores would not only sell its standard and exclusive basketball models and Huffy backboards but also introduce its own line of basketball shoes, apparel and other equipment.

Tan said Asia has become a major market for Spalding because basketball has been one of the fastest-growing sports in the region. After China, the Philippines and Taiwan were considered as the major basketball centers in Asia in terms of the number of players and volume sales. Reason why Proline, which has been distributing Spalding-NBA basketballs in the Philippines for more than three decades, has stepped up its promotion and marketing.

Vinluan coasts to 4-stroke victory at Pueblo de Oro

CAGAYAN de Oro—Don Erwin Vinluan took a triple-bogey on the 16th but it hardly mattered as he cruised to a four-shot victory with a six-over-par 78 yesterday in the second eliminations leg of the Samsung Amateur Tour at the Pueblo de Oro Golf and Country Club course here.

Vinluan's worst score in four days gave him a four-day total of 294 over the up-and-down course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., brushing aside the challenge of of the top club bets, Joel Opaco who had a 77-298. Vinluan had earlier rounds of 69, 74 and 73.

Opaco, already five behind when he teed off, fell eight down on the 13th and the huge four-shot swing on the 16th which he birdied was just good enough to reduce the wide gap.

Vinluan thus stretched the frustration of the local boys to win this event for the second straight year after national team star Juvic Pagunsan came over to deny them victory in last year's edition.

Vinluan joined Boyet Saragoza, the first leg winner last month at Royal Northwoods in San Rafael, Bulacan, in the national grand finals of the tourney sponsored by Tokyo Tokyo, KZG, Microtel, Coppertone Sport, Srixon, Philippine Airlines as the official carrier, Sunbolt, Rudy Project, C-Lium Fiber and Sports Plus. Media partners are Wave 89.1, Jam 88.3, 89.9, 99.5 RT. 103.5 K-Lite and Killer Bee.

Louie Dacudao, who broke the course record set by professional Cassius Casas by one when he fired a 65 in the opening round Wednesday, scored an 80 and settled for a second place tie with Boboy Jaraula, eight strokes behind Vinluan at 302.

Ondoy Mondilla (80-309) placed fifth, Tristan Tabanas (77-310) and Lino Retuerto (75-310) shared seventh spot. Paul Miñoza (81-313) wound up eighth while Tommy Tabanas brought up the rear at 85-320.

The Samsung Tour next to the Camp John Hay Golf Club for the third leg on Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. But before that, the Samsung Interscholastics will be played on July 20-22 at the Cebu Country Club.

"We already have received a number of entries and based on the previous two jungolf invitationals played at Cebu and Del Monte the last two months, we're looking at a big field for the Interscholastics," said PSMG head boy Blue Ocampo.

The other division winners were Eva and Inday Miñoza and Gloria See in the ladies division and Roger Tan and Sonny Choi in the men's category. Like Vinluan, all clinched tickets to the finals at Summit Point in Batangas early next year.

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Nat'l triathletes Singapore-bound

THE NATIONAL triathlon team leaves for Singapore this weekend for the Asian Triathlon Championship.

"With the presence of Asian triathlon powerhouse countries like Japan, China and Kazakhstan in the field, we certainly do not expect to land in the top three but then we have set other objectives for the team this trip," said Triathlon Association of the Philippines president Tom Carrasco Jr.

Carrasco said the primary objective for the athletes will be to go for sub 2:02 and sub 2:20 clocking for the male and female members of the team headed by national champions Arland Macasieb and Sandra Araullo.

Just a week earlier, Araullo ruled the Sarawak International Triathlon at the expense of two Malaysian entries. The Malaysians swept the top three in the men's division when Macasieb dropped out of the race because of mechanical problem with his bike while leading the bike leg.

The Sarawak and Asian Triathlon stints were supported by SB Cards, triathlon's sports godfather company under the FG Foundation's Medalyang Ginto program.

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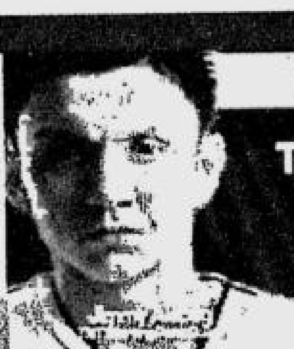

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Fighting spirit

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Al S. Mendoza

WHEN they lost their flagship product of 11 years, it seemed the world had caved in on an intrepid quartet chiefly credited with sparking a revolution on sports drinks hereabouts.

Alfredo "Freddy" Herrera, Edwin Monzon, Raul Lugtu and Albert Avecilla had no inkling whatsoever the honeymoon would end so abruptly.

"It didn't dawn upon us that easily," said Freddy, the group's leader. "We were so stunned but when it did start to sink in, that's when I thought, 'Hey, Freddy, wake up. When it's your time, fella, it's your time'. I summoned a lot of courage and gathered the group again to tell them that, hey, life's got to move on."

Freddy saw the daunting task of rebuilding from the ruins of an empire—almost, that is—brought about by the stupendous success of Gatorade, whose entry into the Philippines nearly a dozen years ago was the quartet's brainchild.

Last year, Pepsi Int'l bought Gatorade from Quaker Oats. With the new owner came new directions. You know, different folks, different strokes.

"We were left in the cold," said Freddy. "At first, our first move was to call it quits, say goodbye to each other and go our separate ways. But then, after some soul-searching and weighing other options, I came up with the new idea: Why not put up our own business?"

They had the assets, the equipment and know-how to do it. Why not give it a shot then?

"Besides, we had people to consider, employees who had been very loyal to us all these years," said Freddy.

The debacle came in October last year. By March this year, Freddy & The Gang were back in business. Their company, the Alternative Beverages Company, Inc. or ABC, started producing Fruit Works and Sunbolt, which they introduced to their old clients as "alternative sports drinks."

To their happy surprise, their products clicked.

"We went back to our old clients again and, using our own honest style of selling what we believe are quality products, offered them our sports drinks which we happily labeled as alternative sports drinks," Freddy said. "We proved once more that once you are true and honest to your customers, they will never turn you down."

Today, three of their many contented Sunbolt customers include PBA teams Shell, Red Bull and FedEx. Players from some 20 other teams from the PBL, UAAP and NCAA have adopted Sunbolt as their official drink, while the Basketball Coaches Association of the Philippines and the Sports Medicine Association of the Philippines endorse the brand.

"We've never been happier as our credibility has never been put to a doubt," said Edwin Monzon, now ABC vice president for sales and marketing.

The other half of the Fab Four, Raul Lugtu and Albert Avecilla, also occupy key positions in the company—Raul is VP for operations and Albert VP for finance.

Not only do they produce Sunbolt, now almost a byword in the Philippine sporting scene, and Fruit Works, but they also operate Coffee House, which, the quartet say, is fast capturing the imagination of a new generation of coffee drinkers with a new, distinctive taste.

"What we are really trying to establish are products that are of Filipino ingenuity, comparable to the imported ones but with a much cheaper price," said Freddy. "My idol in this respect is Mr. Philip Go, whose Accel sports apparel and shoes are world class in quality and yet, they are selling much cheaper than the branded ones."

One thing I can say about Freddy & Co. is their fighting spirit. When almost everybody thought they were goners, they picked themselves up and are fast regaining lost ground—if they haven't yet.

Typically Filipino. *Hindi basta sumusuko.*

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THE ILL wind buffeting the country as a result of the "Hello Garci" tapes seems to hound even our athletes campaigning abroad as reigning world pool champion Alex Pagulayan and former world pool champion Bata Reyes lost their first-round assignments yesterday in the Kaohsiung World Pool Championship in Taiwan.

As if by design, both lost after building impressive margins in the Race-to-5 games.

Pagulayan led, 4-1, only to falter and lose to The Netherlands' Rico Diks, 4-5.

Reyes dropped a 5-3 shocker to Taiwan's Kang Ching-ching after leading, 3-1.

To compound matters, Pagulayan was listed as playing for Canada by ESPN, but on his T-shirt is displayed the Philippine flag.

I called the attention of ESPN's Loren Manguiat about this and good, ol' buddy Loren assured me he'd straighten things out ASAP.

Alex and Bata must rebound from their losses today or they'd end up the biggest casualties in the Olympics of billiards.

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ROGER Federer: Third title within grasp. AP

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WIMBLEDON, England—The best view of Roger Federer's latest masterful performance at Wimbledon belonged to Lleyton Hewitt, and even he felt compelled to call out, "Too good, mate!" when one perfectly placed forehand flew past.

It certainly sounded like an attractive semifinal: Federer vs Hewitt, No. 1 in the rankings vs No. 2, Wimbledon champions both. Instead, it was just another showcase for all of Federer's talents.

Taking charge almost from the start, Federer subdued the normally resilient Hewitt, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4), Friday to move within one victory of joining Pete Sampras and Bjorn Borg as the only men to take three consecutive Wimbledon titles since 1936.

"This performance is definitely good enough to win Wimbledon," Federer said. "I sort of still can't believe that I did it, so smooth in straight sets."

He hit stretch volleys, sent big serves at Hewitt's body or spun them nearly to the stands for aces, mixed flat backhands with confounding slices, and, as always, used his forehand to put quick ends to rallies.

Federer finished with 46 winners to Hewitt's 31 and faced only one break point.

"I've got no doubt that I feel like I'm the

BAP team to Seaba tourne

By Musong R. Castillo

THE PHILIPPINES might end up without a national team in the Fiba-Asian Basketball Confederation Men's championship in Doha, Qatar, even if it wins the Southeast Asian Basketball Association (Seaba) tournament in Malaysia starting this Tuesday.

This scenario cropped up late yesterday after the Philippine Olympic Committee still failed to get a response from Seaba organizers on its request to send a POC-backed team and with the expelled Basketball Association of the Philippines dead-set on sending a team to Malaysia.

A POC source confirmed that the local Olympic body cannot do anything as far as the BAP sending a team to Kuala Lumpur is concerned.

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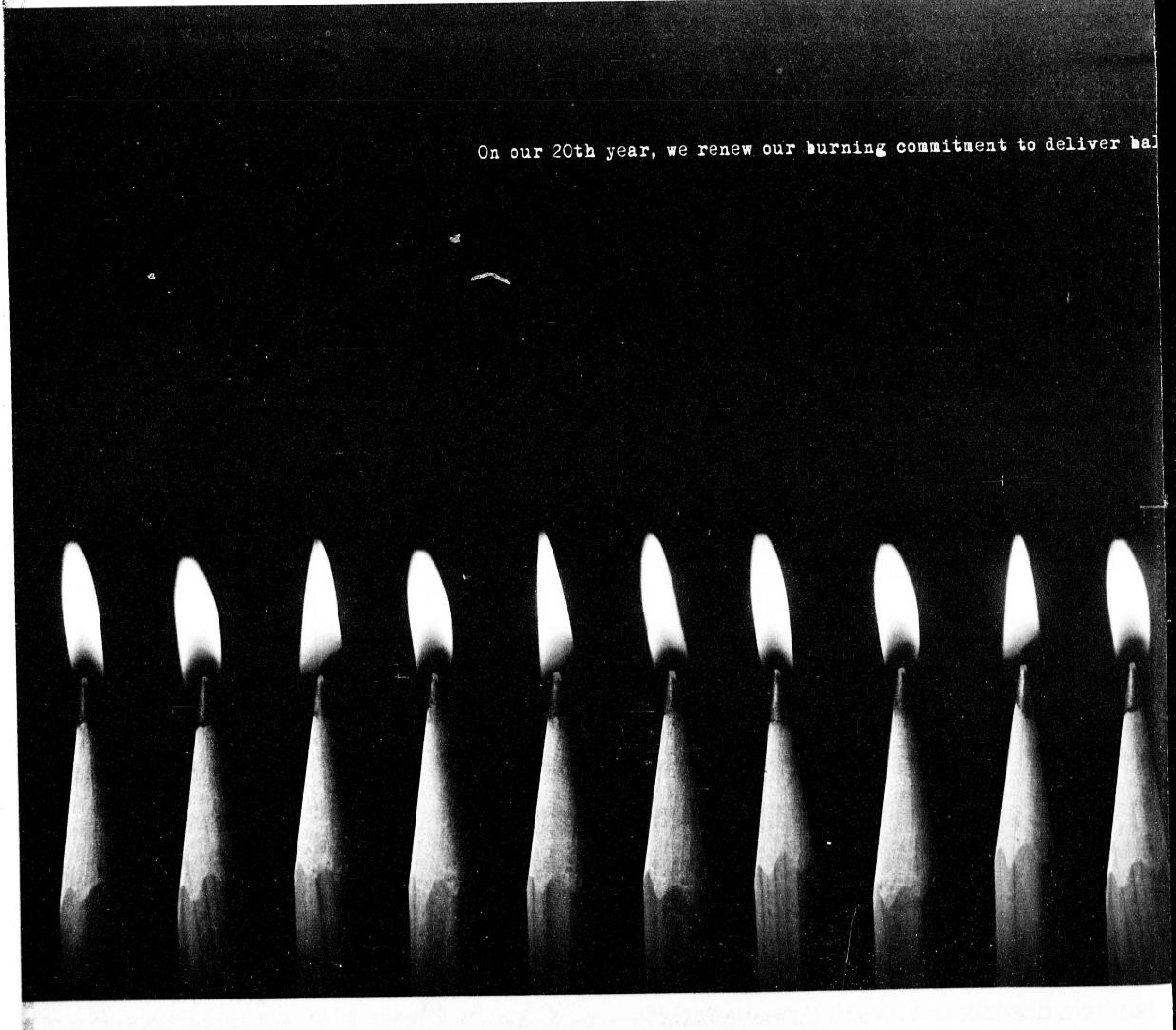

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RODDICK: Not yet through. AP

sec-ond-best player going around right at the moment," said Hewitt, who won Wimbledon in 2002 and the US Open in 2001 but has been beaten at four of his past six majors by Federer. "It's just that the best player going around is pretty bloody good."

How's that for an understatement? Federer has won 35 matches in a row on grass, second only to Borg's 41 from 1976-81. And now Federer will try to extend his streak of 20 straight victories in tournament finals, a tour record.

His next opponent will be Andy Roddick or Thomas Johansson, and they'll have the added disadvantage of less rest ahead of Sunday's final. Their semifinal was stopped because of rain Friday with Roddick ahead, 6-5, and Johansson about to serve.

Roddick, the runner-up to Federer last year, and Johansson will resume their match Saturday on Center Court. That will be followed by the women's final between 2000-01 Wimbledon champion Venus Williams and 1999 winner Lindsay Davenport.

The top-ranked Davenport needed four minutes Friday to wrap up her 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-4 victory over No. 3 Amelie Mauresmo. The match was halted by showers Thursday night, with Mauresmo serving at 15-0 in the ninth game of the final set.

"To come back in that situation, it was brutal," Davenport said. "Mentally challenging to absorb." *AP*

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Seaba is the region's qualifier for the vent in September.

president Jose "Peping" Cojuangco Seaba organizers on Friday, asking that backed team be allowed to participate ournament.

But there has been no word from Malaysia up until last night.

Technically, the Fiba still recognizes the BAP as the governing body in the country and the POC knows that it will take time for the newly formed Philippine Basketball Association to get recognition.

BAP president Joey Lina and sec-gen Graham Lim reportedly flew to Malaysia early yesterday.

Lance could strike early in Tour

CHALLANS, France—Lance Armstrong can strike an immediate blow Saturday in his bid for a seventh straight Tour de France title. Victory in the opening time trial—or even a quicker time than his main rivals—would send out a clear message that he is still the man to chase.

However, a below-par performance would give fresh hope to the likes of Jan Ullrich, Alexandre Vinokourov and Ivan Basso, whom Armstrong rates as his main challengers.

The American already has studied the 19-kilometer (11.8-mile) route from Fromentine to Noirmoutier-en-l'Ile.

So has Ullrich.

But the German crashed into the back of his T-Mobile team car when he failed to spot a warning sign to brake. The 1997 Tour winner and five-time runner-up fell forward through the back window and suffered minor cuts to his neck, but is expected to take the start line.

He appeared later Friday when all the teams were presented and did his best to look cool and confident.

"Jan is an excellent rider and he gets better as the Tour goes on," Armstrong said, adding that Ullrich's team appears menacing this year.

"They have three riders who have already been on the podium. We expect them to be very tough," Armstrong said.

Vinokourov is tipped as a threat.

The Kazakh rider finished third in 2003, excelling in the mountains by relentlessly attacking Armstrong. He is desperate to make a similar impression after missing last year's race because of injury. Ullrich's countryman Andreas Kloeden did not really come close to beating Armstrong last year, but his second-place finish was still commendable.

In last year's two time trials, Armstrong crushed his rivals.

Ullrich tried to stay with him, but finished second behind the American at both L'Alpe-d'Huez and Besancon with the same time deficit: 61 seconds.

But of the 189 riders present this year, Ullrich is the last to have beaten Armstrong in a Tour de France time trial—smashing him by 1:36 from Gaillac to Cap' Decouverte in 2003 under scorching conditions.

Armstrong had not prepared properly that day. He did not drink enough water and the heat sapped his energy. *AP*

Couch takes 1-shot lead; Tiger prowls

LEMONT, Illinois—Chris Couch shot a 4-under 67 Friday and claimed the second-round lead at the Western Open, while Tiger Woods shot a 66 to pull with six strokes.

Couch, who earned a spot here by winning the Nationwide Tour's LaSalle Bank Open last month, played his front nine in even par, birdied Nos. 10 and 11, the 15th and 17th in a bogey-free round. He completed 36 holes in 9-under 133, a stroke ahead of Tim Herron (66), Jim Furyk (70) and Duffy Waldorf (65).

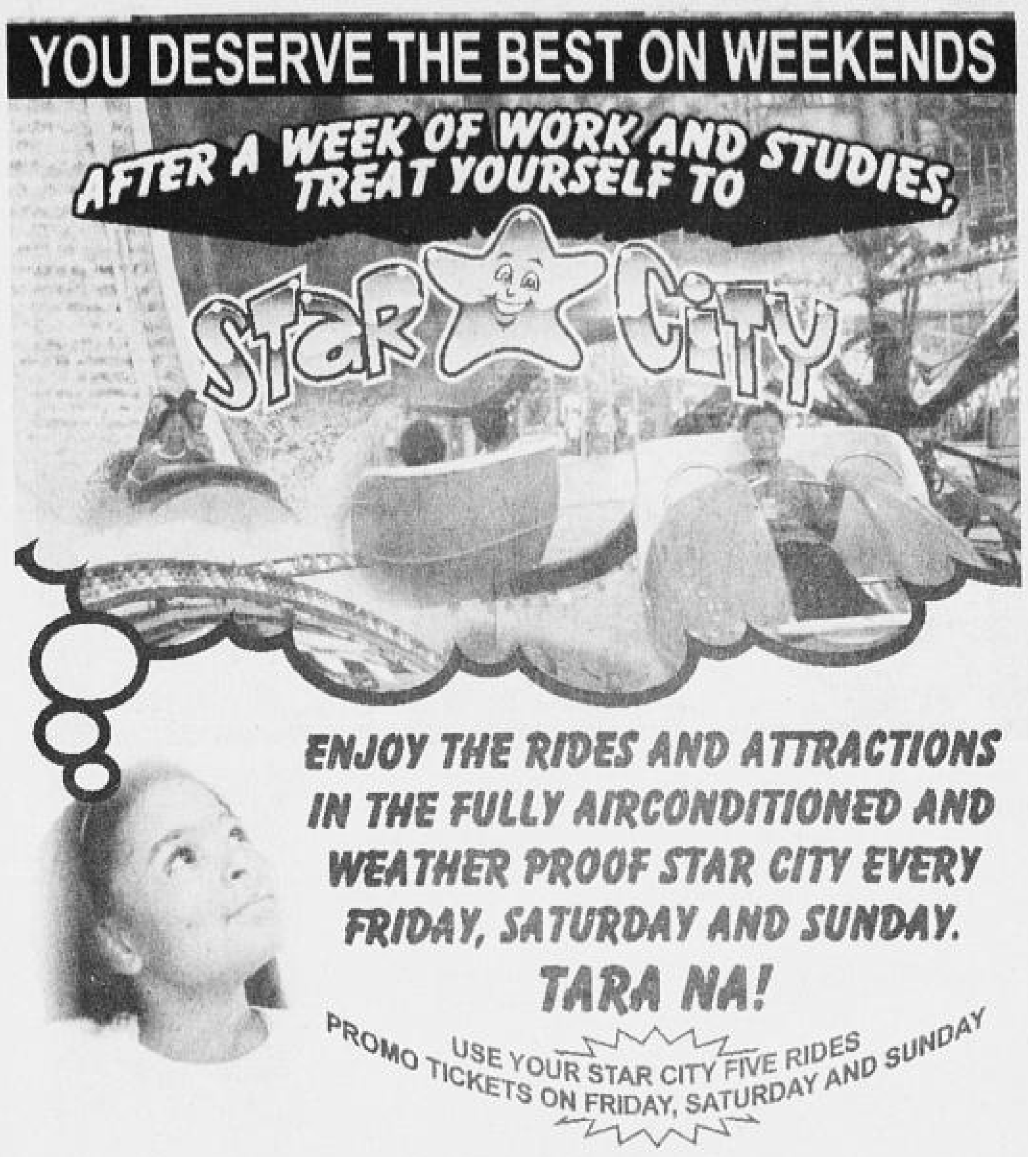
Ben Curtis, who shared the first-round lead with Furyk and Todd Fischer, shot an even-par 71 and is two strokes off the lead. Fischer (72) is at 136 with Steve Flesch.

"It's still a long tournament," Couch said. "I'm trying not to think too far ahead. I'm going to take it shot by shot and keep trying to have some fun."

Starting on the back nine, Herron had an inconsistent day, birdieing Nos. 10 and 11 before taking consecutive bogeys and then coming back with three straight birdies.

Woods shot an opening 73 Thursday but moved to 3-under 139.

"Hopefully they won't run away from me, and I can go ahead and play a good round tomorrow and get myself back in it," Woods said. *AP*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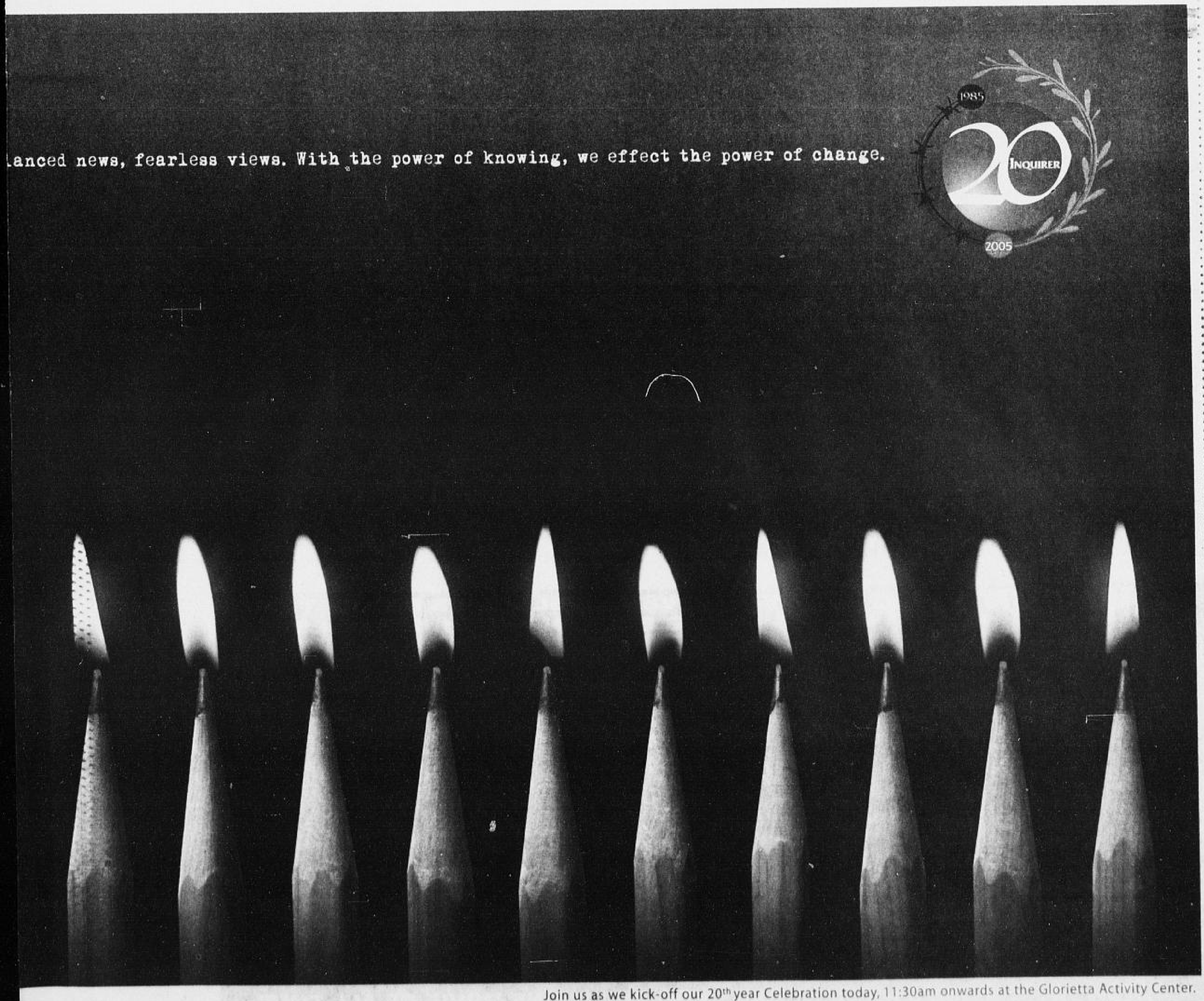
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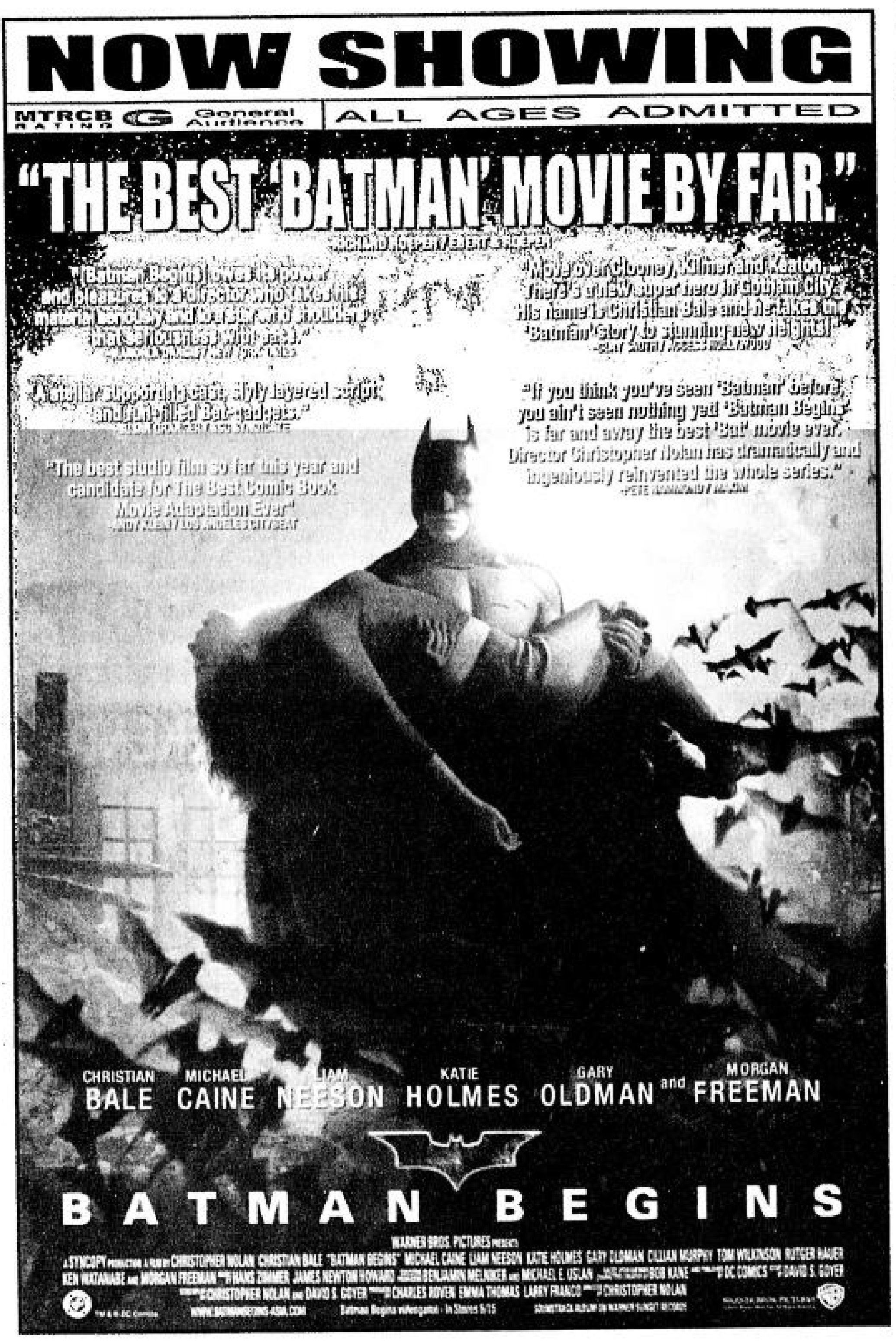

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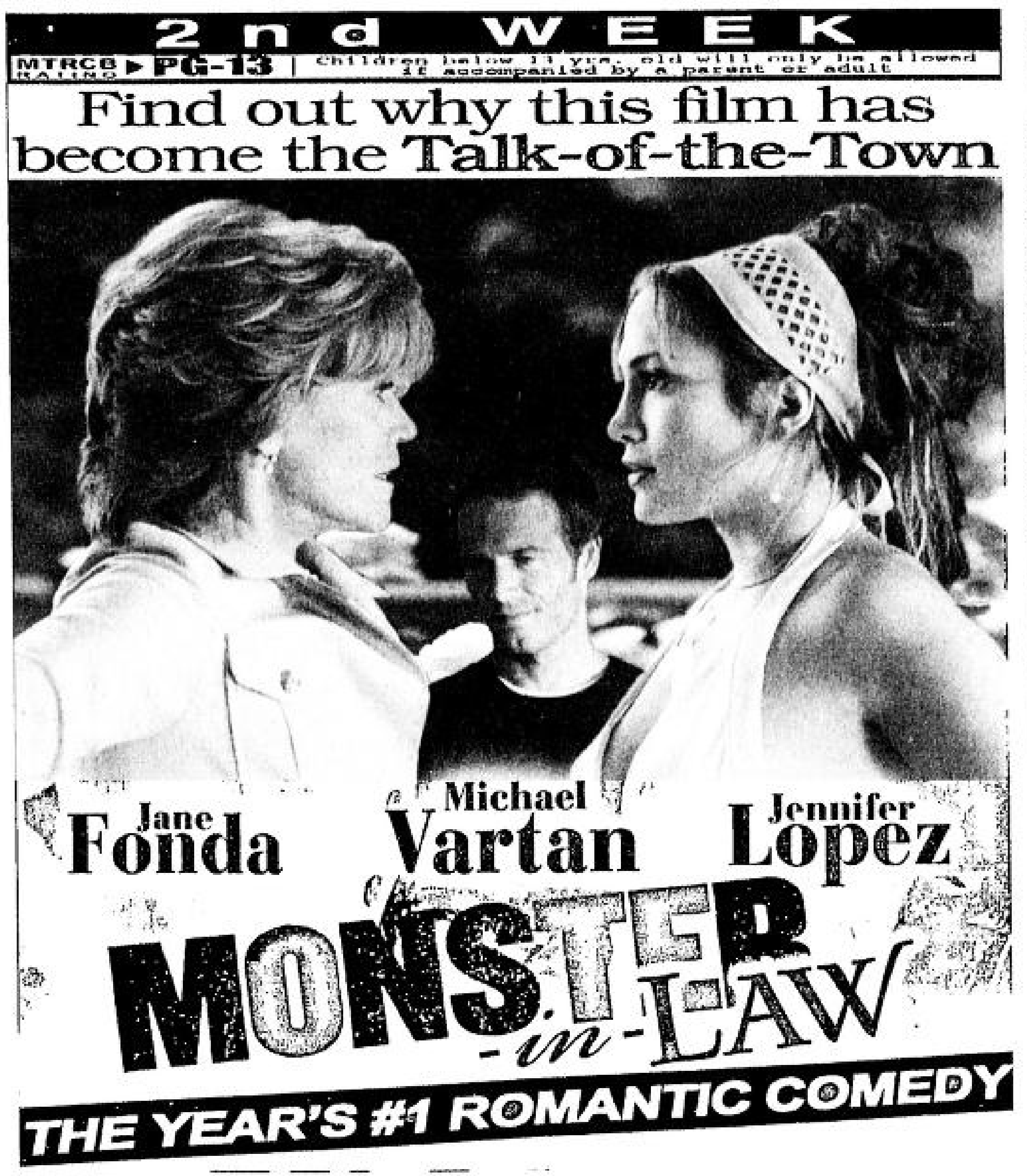

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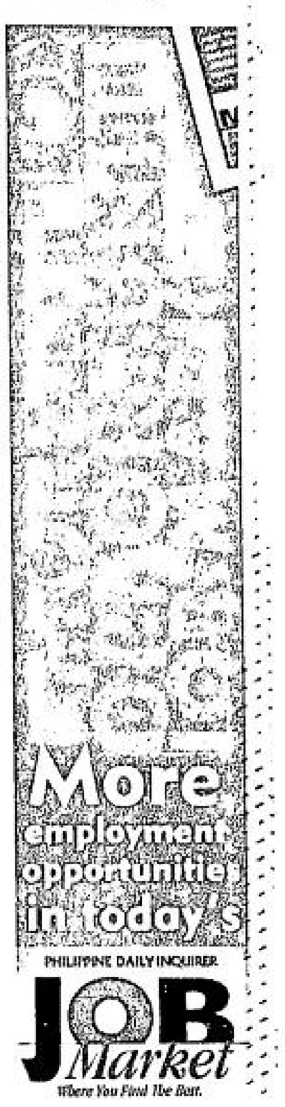

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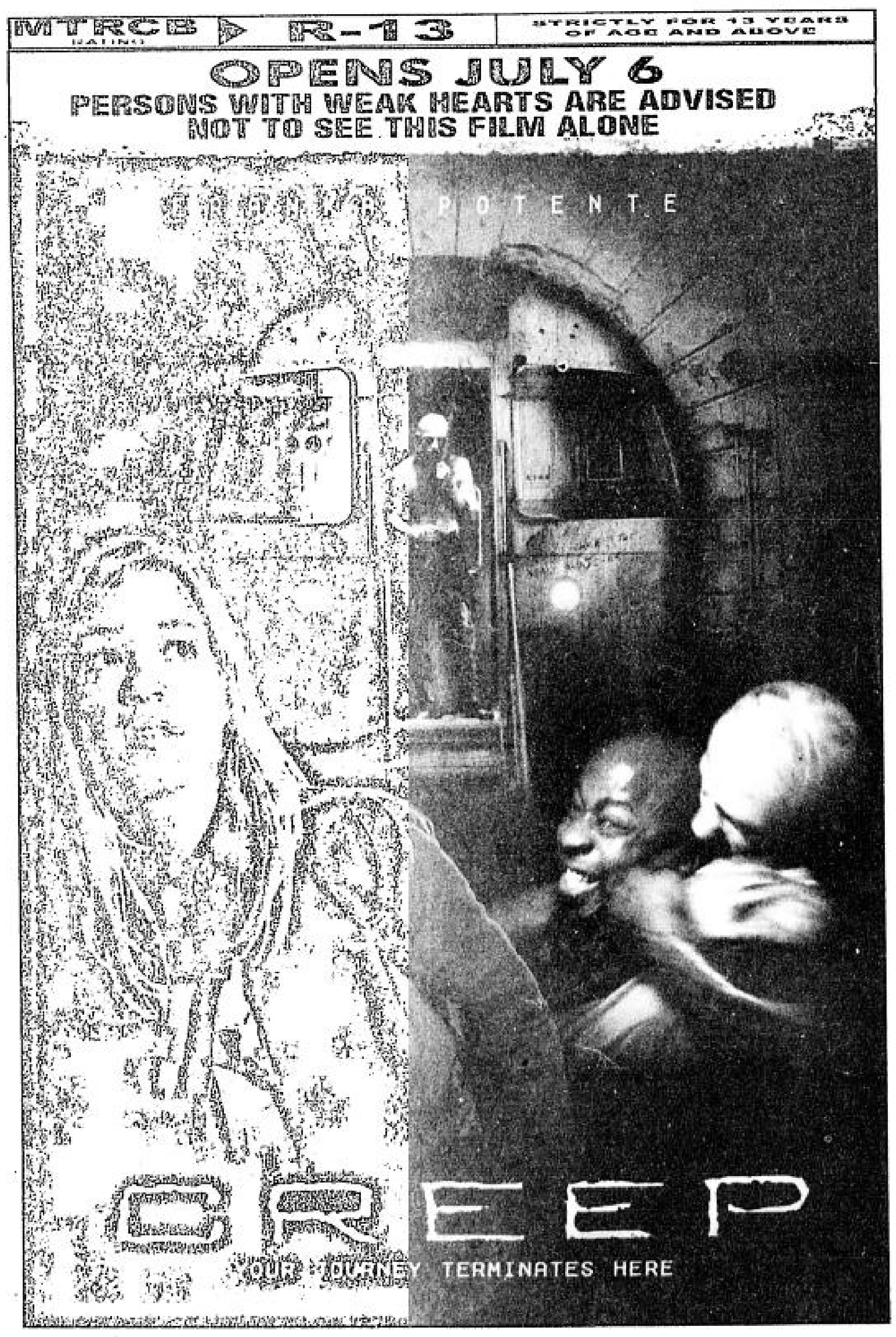

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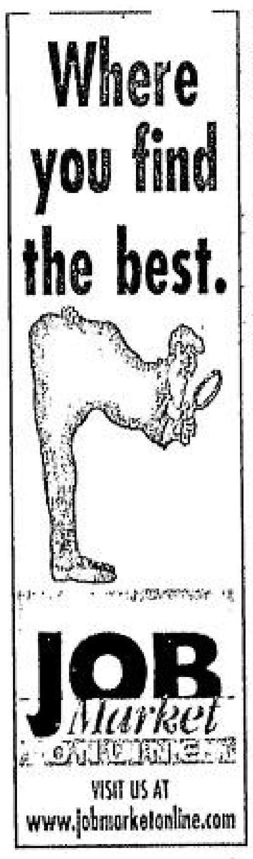

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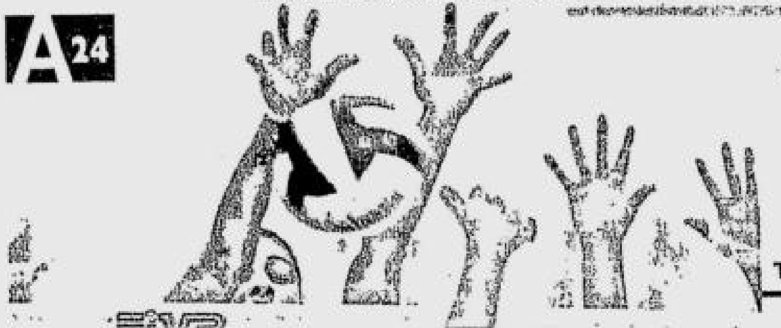

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Cuban spikers nip Dutch

By Marc Anthony Reyes

CUBA held itself together when it counted the most, rallying from two points down to nip hard-fighting Netherlands, 25-20, 19-25, 22-25, 25-22, 15-13, and virtually capture a finals ticket yesterday in the FIVB World Women's Volleyball Grand Prix at the Philsports.

Relying on veterans Nancy Carrillo, Zoila Barros and Yaima Ortiz, the Cubans fought back from 11-13 in the fifth set to complete the come-from-behind victory.

With their second victory in this Manila leg, the Cubans picked up 10 ranking points that just might bring them to the Japan finals next month.

The Cubans dominated the first set but their taller, long-legged rivals endeared themselves to the crowd with their ferocious attack and excellent defense.

"It's a good thing that we won, but we didn't play the way we used to," said coach Felipe Blet Calderon.

Even without using its top players, Italy proved to be way superior over Thailand, scoring a 25-12, 25-10, 25-18, in the second game.

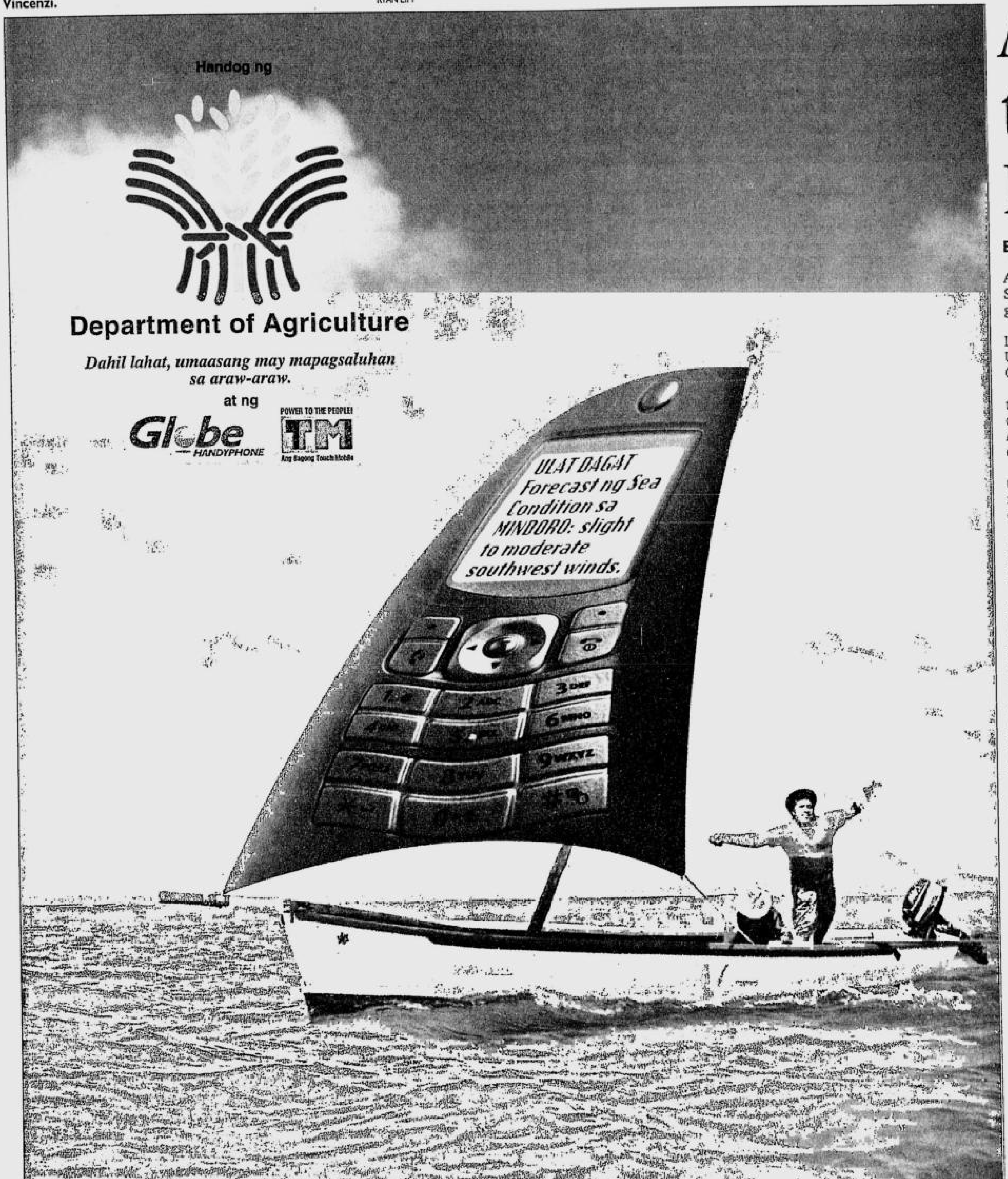
The Italians thus posted their first win in the leg and totaled seven ranking points, tying the Netherlands. Thailand now has five points.

Valentina Fiorin and Jenny Barraza warmed the bench in favor of new players like Serene Ortolani and Martina Guiggi, but they ended up better than what the Southeast Asian champions could offer in the 57-minute match.

The Cubans were outplayed in the second and third sets, committing a series of errors while the Dutch pounded their defenses mostly through 6-foot-3 Manon Flier, the Maria Sharapova-lookalike who scored 21 points.

Francien Huurman also had 21 smashes while captain Ingrid Visser and Chaine Staelens added 16 and 14 points, respectively.

"The team played well. I don't think we played less," said Netherlands coach Avital Selinger.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Archers trample Eagles

By Jasmine W. Payo

AGE has visibly slowed them down, but the La Salle Archers proved they still have enough energy to clobber their arch-rivals.

The Archers swept the Ateneo Eagles in the Legends and All Star games of the FilOil-Flying V Ultimate Showdown: Ateneo-La Salle Basketball Classic yesterday at the Araneta Coliseum.

"It was the fellowship that we missed more than the competition," said Tonichi Yturri, who drilled home 16 points to lead La Salle past the Ateneo Legends, 79-70. "But of course, in the end, our competitive spirit also kicked in."

The 54-year-old Lim Eng Beng, who still holds the league-record of 55 points in the NCAA, also recalled the intense collegiate rivalry that spans decades.

"Thirty years ago when I was playing against Ateneo, we do everything to win," said the La Salle Hall-of-Famer. "As we always say, we can lose to any other team except Ateneo."

Boy Manguerra chipped in 10 points for the La Salle Legends, while San Miguel coach Jong Uichico, who had to leave at half time for his team practice, added nine markers. Franz Pumaren, the current Archers coach in the UAAP, finished with seven points.

In the second game, the La Salle All Stars drubbed their Ateneo counterparts, 83-72. Alvin Castro topscored with 12 points, while Dindo Pumaren, who's now calling the shots for the University of the East in the UAAP, delivered 10 points.

The Ateneo Legends wrested the lead for the first time at, 54-52, early in the fourth quarter, before Yturri sparked a 9-0 outburst capped by a Pumaren triple to lift the Archers ahead, 61-54.

Chito Mistades and Joy Carpio led the Ateneo Legends' offense with a combined 23 points. Jojo Lastimosa, one of the PBA's 25 all-time best players, added nine points and seven rebounds.

Vince Hizon scored a day-high 18 points for the Ateneo All-Stars.

Alex, Bata bow to foes

KAOHSIUNG, Taiwan—The upset axe fell on defending champion Alex Pagulayan and Filipino star Efren "Bata" Reyes yesterday at the start of the 2005 Kaohsiung World Pool Championship here.

Pagulayan blew a 4-1 advantage and lost to Rico Diks of the Netherlands, 4–5, in Group 1 while Reyes bowed to Kang Chin-ching of Chinese Taipei, 3–5, in Group 4 at the Kaohsiung Business Exhibition Center.

Another Filipino, Rodolfo Luat, also dropped his opening assignment in Group 2. Luat fell to 2005 San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour overall champion Yang Ching Shun, 1–5.

Francisco "Django" Bustamante, Ronnie Alcano, Gandy Valle, Marlon Manalo, Dennis Orcullo, Warren Kiamco and Antonio Lining were still playing their respective opening-day matches at presstime.

Despite their losses, Pagulayan and Reyes still have a chance to advance to the round of 64. They have to at least make it to the top four of their respective groups to move on to the knockout phase, which begins on Wednesday.

The 128 players competing have been divided into 16 groups of eight players each during the first four days of competition.

All competitors play each other once within each group in a race-to-five, alternate-break format. Two points will be awarded for every win in the group stage.

The 27-year-old, Philippine-born Pagulayan, who represented Canada last year, had a golden opportunity to close out the match in the sixth rack. However, Pagulayan's attempt at the 2-ball on the corner pocket failed to drop, allowing the Dutch clean the rack. Diks then had a good break in the seventh to make it 3-4. Pagulayan once again failed to close out the match in the eighth.

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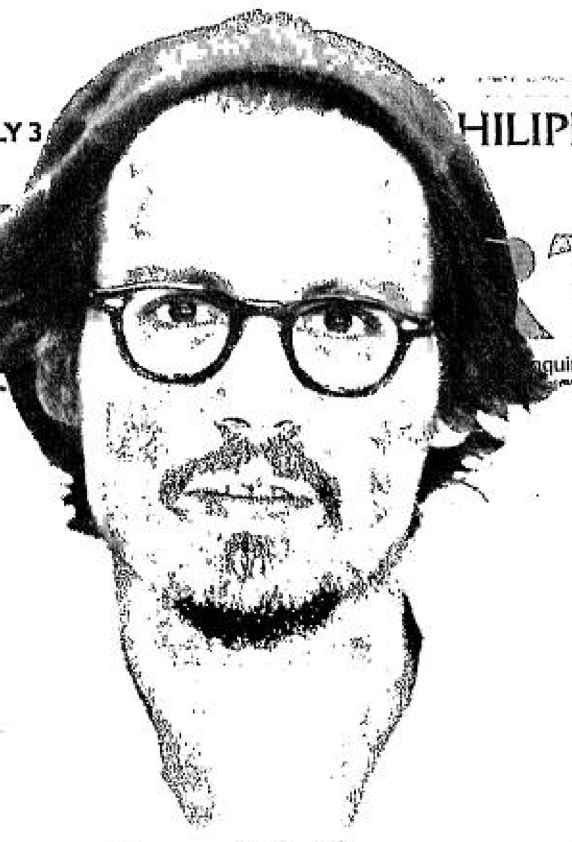

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On a Caribbean island with Johnny Depp

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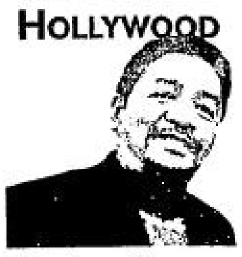

Ruben V. Nepales

What he teaches his own children: 'Do no bad to no one and let no one do bad to you.' And he believes the 'Desiderata' should be 'mandatory reading for kiddies'

NASSAU, BAHAMAS—Johnny Depp has his own island here but, being the nice guy that he is, he admitted that he still refers to his private Caribbean paradise as "the island."

Breaking into a shy smile, the actor said, "I have difficulty saying 'my' before that word [island]."

A man known for his individualist, nongeneric style, he arrived at the appointed room for the interview in the sprawling Atlantis Resort wearing high-waisted pants in the color of the treats mentioned in the title of his new movie, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." He positioned his belt buckle on the left side. His boots were worn out—even his "Pirates of the Caribbean" character Captain Jack Sparrow might have thrown such an old pair into the nearby crystal clear ocean a long time ago. He noted that we wore similar white cotton shirts. Chains dangled from a belt loop and dropped into his pants pocket. A cap that he wore backward, spectacles, mustache and goatee completed Johnny's bohemian or artiste look.

Since he had been filming "Pirates" 2 and 3 here, he was very tan, the complete opposite of his powdery white look in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," which, although unintentional according to the actor himself, instantly brought Michael Jackson to my mind. And while he wore sparkling white dentures as Willie Wonka, today he sported several gold teeth a la Captain Jack.

When we joined press cons with Pierce Brosnan and Salma Hayek here last October, we were in a popular corner of this huge resort so guests got the surprise of their lives when they chanced upon the two stars being interviewed and photographed. This time around, we were in a more private area so tourists walked by not knowing that a star was in their midst.

Much nicer guy

This second screen adaptation of Roald Dahl's children's classic keeps the book's original title, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." The first film version, which starred Gene Wilder, went by the title "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." As most folks who have read the book and watched the first film know by heart, Dahl's moral fantasy-adventure fable is about an eccentric chocolatier, Willy Wonka, who launches a contest to select an heir to his candy empire. In this latest version, Freddie Highmore, who should have gotten at least a best supporting actor nomination last year for his fine performance in "Finding Neverland," plays the Charlie role, one of the five kids who wins a guided tour of the mythical candy-making facility.

Since "Charlie" is directed by Tim Burton, it is a visual treat for both kids and adults, just like his other films such as "Sleepy Hollow," "Edward Scissorhands," "The Nightmare Before Christmas," "Batman" and "Batman Returns." Burton and Depp are also collaborating on Tim's stop-motion film, "Corpse Bride" (Johnny is one of the voice talents).

My colleagues, who have known Johnny longer, told me that he has always been one of the nicest actors during interviews—even in his hotel-room trashing days. They pointed out that the 42-year-old actor had become even nicer in recent years. He and his companion, French singer-actress Vanessa Paradis, and their two children (whom he fondly calls "kiddies"), Lily Rose, 6, and Jack John, 3, divide their time between the Bahamas (while he is filming the "Pirates" movies), France and Los Angeles.

Now very much a family man, the former rock band artist said of his transformation: "With the birth of my daughter, it was like another person's life had ceased and this new guy emerged who could see things clearly."

The following are excerpts from our interview.

Did you have to build your house on the island where you live?

The house is functional, very simple, very rustic and true to the surroundings. Very simple structures and very simple life there, but it's beautiful.

Do you like living close to the water?

Except when we lived in Kentucky, I've always lived around somewhere near the ocean. From Kentucky, we moved to Florida. In the South of France, we are five minutes from the ocean. I've always enjoyed the water and being on the ocean so that has been a consistent theme in my life. At the end of filming the first

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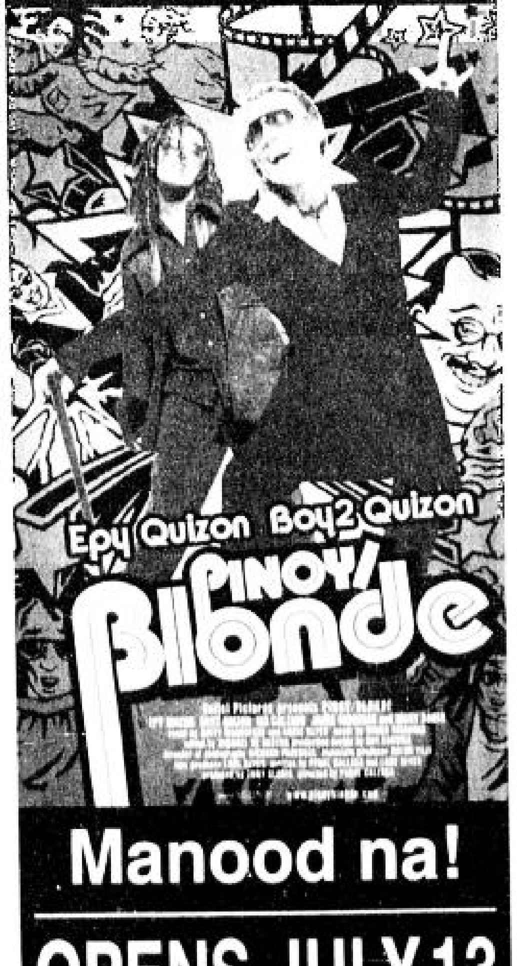

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"Pirates" movie, there was a part of me thinking God, hope I get to see this (the Caribbean) again.

How did you arrive at your take on Willy Wonka? Did you practice a lot?

I didn't practice it. It's an odd thing, I get these ideas and write them down. Stacks of notes that you incorporate into a personality but it's not fully formed until you're actually, as they say, walking the walk. I never really, fully met the character until Tim said, "Action!" I suppose it took about a week of shooting before I really felt like I clicked into the character.

DEPP as Willy Wonka—white face, white teeth, sleek bob

People might think of Michael Jackson when they see your Willy Wonka.

I never thought about that. But now I can see it because of the white face powder.

Who did you base your Willy Wonka on then?

There wasn't specifically one person. I was thinking of children's show hosts like Captain Kangaroo and Mr. Rogers, and remembering how even then, at age five or six, I thought how strange it was that they adopted this certain way of speaking, like a cadence that sounded musical. I took that as part of the character.

Your Willy Wonka wears a lot of make-up. Why?

I wore less make-up than I wanted to, I promise you (laughter). I thought I could wear a long prosthetic nose. But as soon as Tim and I got together, one of the first things he said to me was, "You're not going to wear a prosthetic nose, right ?"

We thought of Wonka being in a sort of self-induced isolation. It's almost as if he hasn't seen the sun in many years. That's where that pasty look came from . . . like an old porcelain doll shoved away in a box for many years. In the book, Roald Dahl mentioned twinkling eyes. We checked out a bunch of different colors for contact lenses. I saw these lavender ones and popped them in. They were perfect.

As for the teeth, because his dad was a dentist, I thought that he would have perfect, too-white teeth. So we incorporated that. It kind of changed the shape of my face. For the hair, I had this strong idea that he should have a bob like Prince Valiant's. He was far behind the times, like he locked himself in a room with too many Herman's Hermits records (laughter).

Did you see the Gene Wilder version?

My first introduction to Roald Dahl's work was through Gene Wilder's Willy Wonka. I was probably 9 or 10 when I saw that first adaptation. When I was growing up, it was like an annual event to watch that movie and I loved it. I still love Gene Wilder's take on the character. I watched it just before Tim talked to me about doing this one. I had watched that film with my kids and they enjoyed it very much. But as soon as this second adaptation came along, whenever my kids put that film in the DVD player, I would run out of the room because I didn't want Wilder's performance to have any effect on where I was going with this role. During filming, whenever the memory of Wilder's performance came, I would just go completely in the opposite direction.

You have done several films with Tim Burton. Can you describe your working relationship?

It's a collaboration. He's very generous in that sense. He gives you enough room to bring as much as you can to the plate. He has the good sense and the good taste to rein it in when it gets a little too out there (laughter).

It's ironic that two of your movies (the other one is the acclaimed "Chocolat") deal with chocolate and yet you were allergic to it as a kid.

I know. I had actually forgotten that. My mom reminded me recently that I was fully allergic to chocolate up until the age of 6 or 7. Maybe as a result of that early allergy, I'm not a huge fan of chocolate.

Some of the kids in this film are bratty. What about your own children?

They are not, thank goodness. You get little snippets of it and you just nip it in the bud.

There are some good lessons for children in this movie. What do you teach your children?

What I want is what all parents want for their kids—for them to be happy, healthy, and okay. There's a piece that William Saroyan wrote as a preface to his play "The Time of Your Life." That is the greatest philosophy to give to the kiddies. Essentially it says, do no bad to no one. Let no one do bad to you. I'm paraphrasing horribly. I read "Desiderata" by Max Ehrmann to them. It should be mandatory reading for kiddies.

In what language do you talk to your children?

We live part of the time in France and we live part of the time in Los Angeles so they do get that mix of cultures and that mix of language. Jack and Lily Rose have already mastered French and English to a staggering degree. There are times when I'll say something in French and my daughter will go (nodding like an approving adult), that was very good, dad (laughter). She just graduated from kindergarten in Los Angeles. I was absolutely convinced because she's my daughter that she would share my feelings about institutions and authority but she loved school. I went to visit her class of 14, 15 little kids. She was teaching these little kids how to count to 20 in French. Talk about a weeper!

Can you tell us what events, in your opinion, led you to suddenly become one of the top actors around?

No (laughter). Someone made a mistake somewhere. After the release of "Pirates," I started meeting people on the street, 5-year-olds, 70-year-olds, who would say, "I really liked Captain Jack Sparrow." Or, "I really like 'Benny and Joon.'" It has given new life to these other films that I did that made about $3.75 at the box office (laughter). I really don't know what happened but I am not going to question it.

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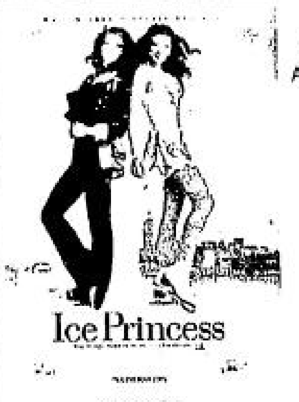

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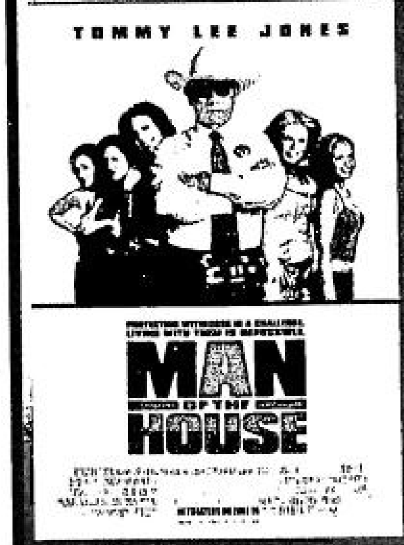

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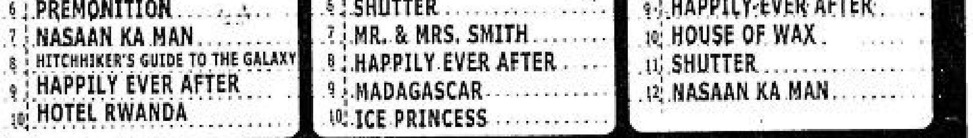

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The shape of Filipino films to come

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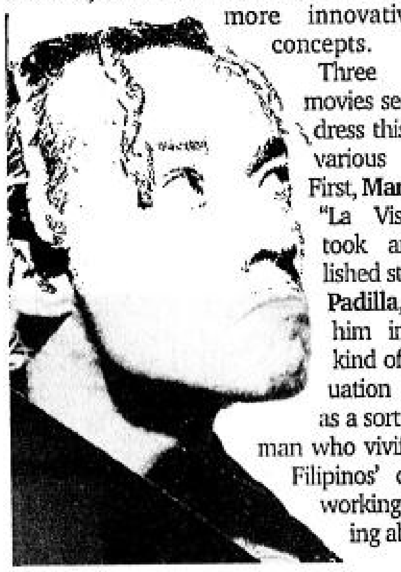
New fare a departure from usual melodrama and comedy

EVER since local movies started their slump some years ago, filmmakers and producers have been trying to figure a way out of the downward spiral that the industry is experiencing.

Quite correctly, they have read declining production and box-office figures to mean that viewers here have gotten tired of the formula movies they have been watching for decades, and now want to see fresher and more innovative film concepts.



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Three new movies seek to address this need in various ways. First, **Mark Meily's** "La Visa Loca" took an established star, **Robin Padilla**, but put him in a new kind of story situation for him: as a sort of Everyman who vivifies many Filipinos' dream of working and living abroad.

Next, **Ellen Ongkeko Marfil's** "Mga Pusang Gala" focused on the fierce friendship between a gay writer of romantic novelettes (**Ricky Davao**) and an advertising agency executive (**Irma Adlawan**), which enabled them to cope with faithless lovers and life's other low blows.

And now, **Peque Gallaga's** "Pinoy Blonde" takes two clueless guys (**Epy** and **Boy 2 Quizon**) and sucks them into the fetid underbelly of the criminal world, which they must survive with their lives and good humor intact.

All three of these movies are fresh departures from the usual local melodrama, comedy and actioner, the plots of which viewers can predict after the first 15 minutes.

These movies are also choice because they introduce us to relatively new characters, who are definitely more textured, interesting and idiosyncratic than the usual two-dimensional heroes and villains who have traditionally peopled many Filipino movies.

Granted, new stories and characters also require a new film audience that's open to such innovations and departures. Happily, enough, such a new movie audience is in the process of being formed in this country, due to the rise of the mall theater circuit; higher ticket prices that have made moviegoing more of a middle-class activity rather than the *masa* absorption it used to be; Filipino workers coming home from abroad with more elevated viewing preferences—etc.!

Let's hope that this new audience will have sufficient numbers to make alternative movies like the three films we've cited profitable at the box office.

The transition and adjustment won't be easy, but this is the shape of Filipino films to come, and established producers would do well to figure out how they can hitch a ride on the emerging bandwagon, as its momentum accelerates.

Part of the revised formula for local cinematic success is reflected in the smaller budgets and digital production processes that characterize these new movies.

These variations enable productions to break even much faster, so more producers can become players in the local film field, they can be encouraged to take greater risks, and movies will become smaller, but also better and more personal.

These and other adjustments deserve viewers' interest and support, as the "dying" Filipino movie industry does its darnedest to outlive its doomsayers!

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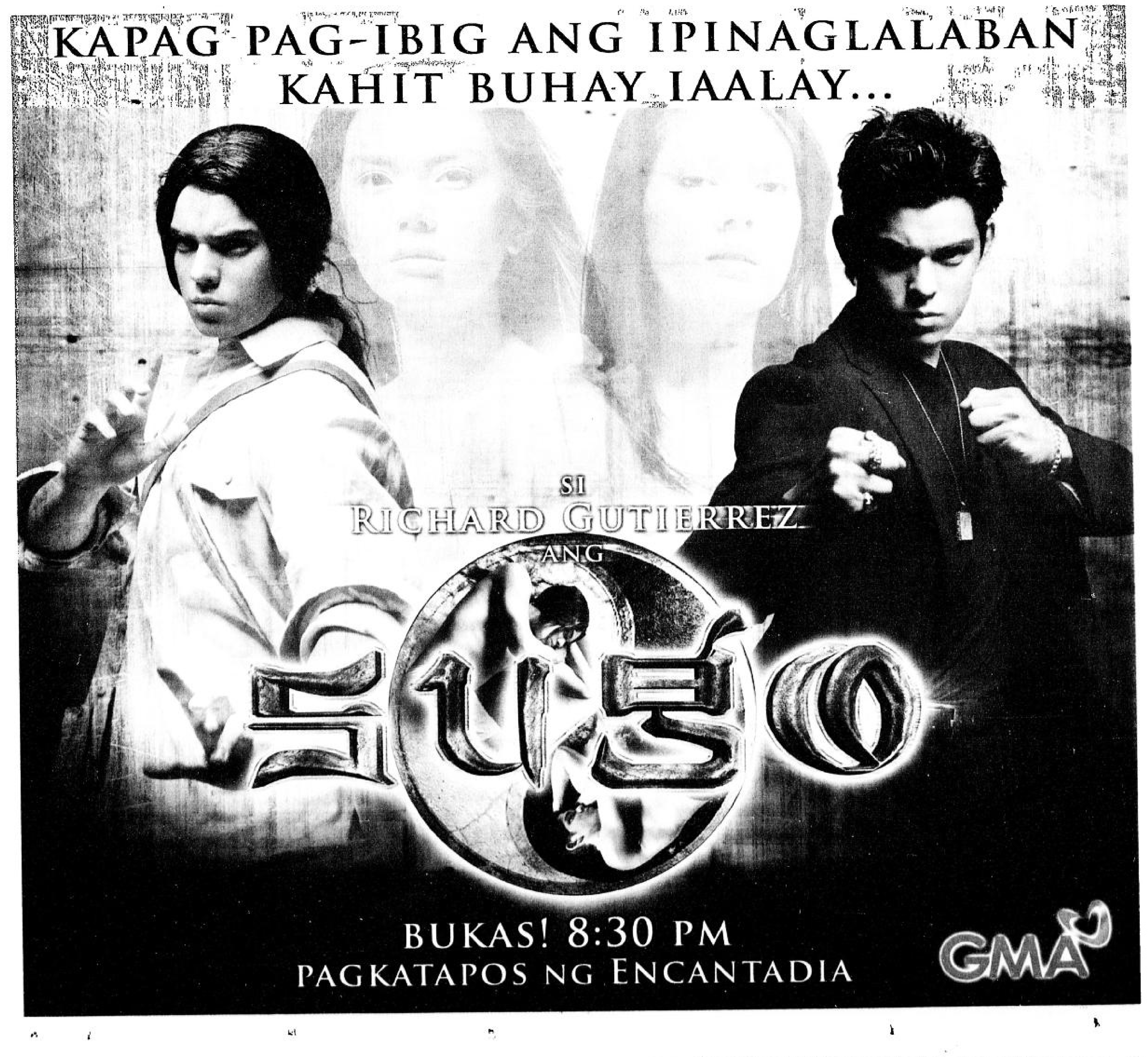

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The mark of ZZ

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Ryan Lim

WITH the iconic Bella Flores, Zeny Zabala reigned supreme on the Sampaguita lot as *primera contravidas* of 1950s Pinoy cinema.

A tag team of twin terror, Bella and Zeny made the lives of saccharine heroines Paraluman (in "Dalawang Kalbaryo ni Dr. Mendez") and Susan Roces (in "Prinsesang Gusgusin") nightmarish, to say the least.

With her alabaster skin and proud Mandarin features, Zeny specialized in "society girls gone bad."

In spite of her screen persona, the real-life Zeny Ortiz Santos is shy and soft-spoken, content to sit quietly in one corner on any movie set.

Onscreen, she raised malevolence to an art form; off-screen, she was a bit reticent.

In fact, she was hesitant to follow in the footsteps of older sister Aurora Aragon, who was a Premiere contract play

"I was my sister's *alalay* [g
recalls. "One summer vaca
nied her on the set. I was onl

Upon seeing Zeny, Premi
her to co-star in "Lourdes"
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Anita Linda in the title role.

Zeny recalls: "I played a m
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AA's sister was named ZZ.

After seeing "Lourdes," Dr.
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"It was Ric Rodrigo who
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Ric visited the Santos h
and instructed Zeny: "Don't
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with Doc Perez."

Warm welcome

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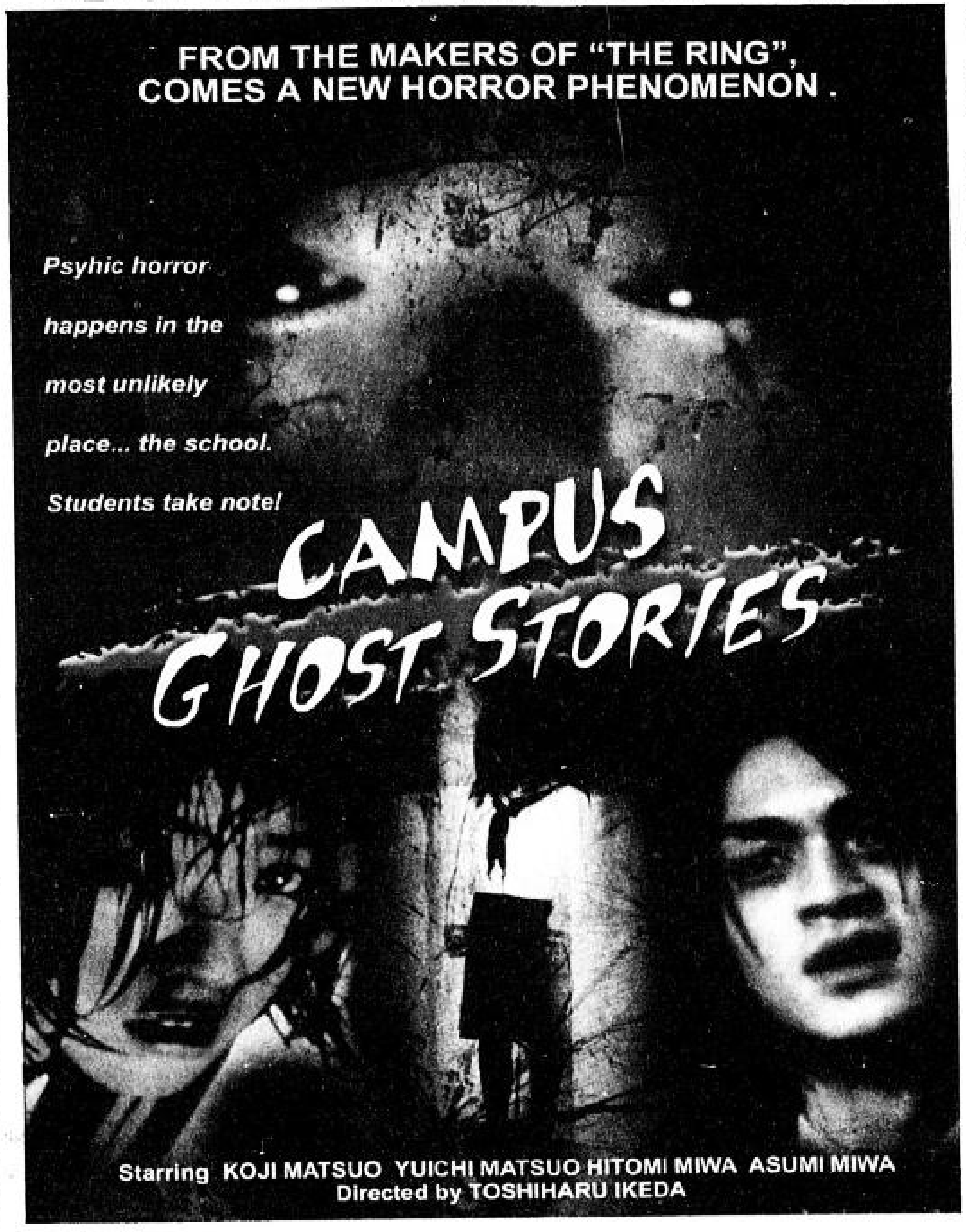

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AT HOME today. The painting is a scene from the movie "Kalinga."

Baylon, perished in a car mishap.

"That was why I was scared to be alone in my room," she recounts. "Before her death, I was practicing how to smoke for a movie role and Nellie had this habit of pulling my hand to take the cigarette away from me. So every time I was smoking in the room, I feared her ghost would suddenly grab my hand!"

Quick-thinking Zeny thus befriended Naty Santiago. "I asked her to accompany me in my room! She later became my new roommate and bosom buddy."

Sampaguita was run like a finishing school, in many ways.

Doc Perez and wife Mrs. Azucena Vera-Perez made sure that their stars lived up to the fans' adulation.

"Doc and Mrs. Perez would scold us if we were not well-dressed," Zeny says. "Our makeup should be perfect. Not too light; not too heavy. Pieces of jewelry that were too big and showy were only for the movies. And Mrs. Perez really got upset if we wore white shoes at night!"

The studio bosses took care of all their sartorial needs.

"Sampaguita had its own dressmaker who made our casual clothes for the movies," she relates. "After the shoot, we were allowed to buy these clothes at discounted prices, by salary deduction. The Perezes really treated us like their children."

WITH Bella Flores, tormenting Susan Roces in "Prinsesang Gusgusin"

For premiere nights and other high-society events, Sampaguita commissioned master couturiers Ramon Valera and Pitoy Moreno to dress them up.

"If we needed *ternos* or cocktail dresses, they'd make one for all of us," Zeny beams.

Poised and polished, Sampaguita stars, Zeny asserts, consistently stood out in any gathering. "And we were invited to the parties of senators and other big shots."

After three consecutive three-year contracts with Sampaguita, Zeny went freelance.

In Sampaguita, she was averaging four movies a year. When she went solo in the late 1960s, she started juggling six to seven movies annually.

"There was a time, I worked for three days nonstop," she remarked. "I would go home only to get fresh clothes."

After one such marathon, she slept 24 hours straight. "I went to bed in the morning and got up the following morning."

This period was her most prolific and fulfilling because she successfully crossed over to lead lady roles in melodramas ("Ruby," "Mother Dear," "Our Lady of Peñafrancia") and costume epics ("Luzviminda," "Mindanao," "Kalinga").

For 1967's "Ruby," her debut as lead, she was nominated for Famas Best Actress, along with Charito Solis, Marlene Dauden, Susan Roces and Amalia Fuentes. (It was Marlene's year; she brought home the trophy for "Kapag Puso'y Sinugatan.")

In "Luzviminda" and "Our Lady of Peñafrancia," she was reunited with her dad's old crony Ric Rodrigo.

"That was why I didn't have to adjust that much when I became the lead because I was working with my old Sampaguita co-stars," she says.

When *bomba* became the trend, Zeny left the scene and the likes of Stella Suarez and Divina Valencia took over.

"I put up my own businesses: a beauty parlor, canteen, and shoe store," she volunteers.

Once in while, she accepted hard-to-resist offers, like 1993's "Ikaw Lang," with Vilma Santos and Cesar Montano, and 1998's "Tataynic," with Dolphy and Zsa Zsa Padilla.

In 2001, however, she suffered two strokes.

"I couldn't talk, I was paralyzed, but I soon recovered, thanks to therapy and prayers."

Now, she is taking things easy, relishing her sunset years by visiting her family in the US and taking care of nephews and nieces.

"The doctor told me to relax."

Ms. ZZ was only too happy to comply.

"From June 2002 to June 2003, I visited my siblings, cousins, nephews and nieces in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and California."

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'Patch up' with writer, Hero Angeles told

By Marinel R. Cruz

TWO ABS-CBN executives promised a series of projects to Hero Angeles if he would "patch up" with show biz columnist Cristy Fermin, said the young actor's manager.

Hero filed a libel case on June 9 against Fermin, a fellow network talent, for publishing in her columns at least 14 articles which, the actor said, affected his professional and personal life.

A week earlier, according to Hero's brother and manager Henry, Cory Vidanes, executive vice president for Entertainment, and Deo Endrinal, vice president for Talk, Reality and Variety, met with Henry to convince Hero to make peace with Fermin.

In her columns, Fermin said Hero's family was getting in the way of his progress, and hinted that he had attitude problems.

Endrinal promised Hero three big projects in exchange for reconciling with the writer. The first, Henry said, was the supposed live airing on "The Buzz" of Hero's first anniversary celebration at SM North, in Quezon City on June 5.

The second project was a new *teleserye* with Heart Evangelista and Geoff Eigenmann.

Trip to US

Thirdly, Hero was promised a trip to the United States with the hosts of the noontime variety show "ASAP" this month, said Henry. Hero was to spend a day with US-based fans, his brother added.

Hero was last year's winner of ABS-CBN's talent search "Star Circle Quest."

"Sir Deo said all Hero had to do was talk to Tita Cristy," Henry told INQUIRER Entertainment. "Hero was supposed to say: 'Tita Cristy, *huwag na po kayo magsulat tungkol sa* family *ko. Balato n'yo na po sa akin.*"

But he could not convince his brother to do this, Henry said. "This was why we did not allow the staff of 'The Buzz' to cover Hero's anniversary. We did not want Sir Deo or Ma'am Cory to think that we had agreed."

They do owe Fermin a "debt of gratitude," Henry pointed out. "Our only wish is for her to clear our name."

Meanwhile, three more of Hero's bookings have been canceled by Star Magic (ABS-CBN's talent center). The latest of these, Henry said, was "Night of the Champions" in Australia with other young singers. Hero was to have joined the group on Aug. 19 and 20. Henry said he received word from Star Magic of the cancelation on June 24.

HERO Angeles: Frozen?

Words not needed

Also, Henry said, as early as April, Hero was booked as presenter for the 53rd Famas Awards show on June 26. Star Magic canceled on June 22.

The youth-oriented show "Y Speak" on Studio 23 invited Hero to appear as host on June 19, and then on 23, Henry added. "When I asked Star Magic about it, they said 'no,' but did not explain." The June 23 taping eventually pushed through.

Henry insisted: "We've heard that the network is trying to freeze Hero's career. We don't need any formal word; we already feel it."

MUNTIK NANG MATULUYAN SI JACKIE CHAN!

Laging namimiligro si Jackie Chan sa bawat pelikulang ginagawa niya. Para mas maging makatotohanan ang mga eksena, hindi s'ya gumagamit ng "double" at okay lang kung magkandabali-bali ang mga buto niya. Sa shooting ng kanyang pinakabagong pelikula, muntik na talagang matuluyan si Chan.

Sa "The New Police Story", si Chan ay isang mahusay at premyadong pulis. Ngunit isang gang na mahilig sa computer games ang a-ambush at uubos sa grupo niya. Ngayon, kailangang niyang tuklasin ang sikreto ng computer game na gawa ng gang para matimbog ang mga ito.

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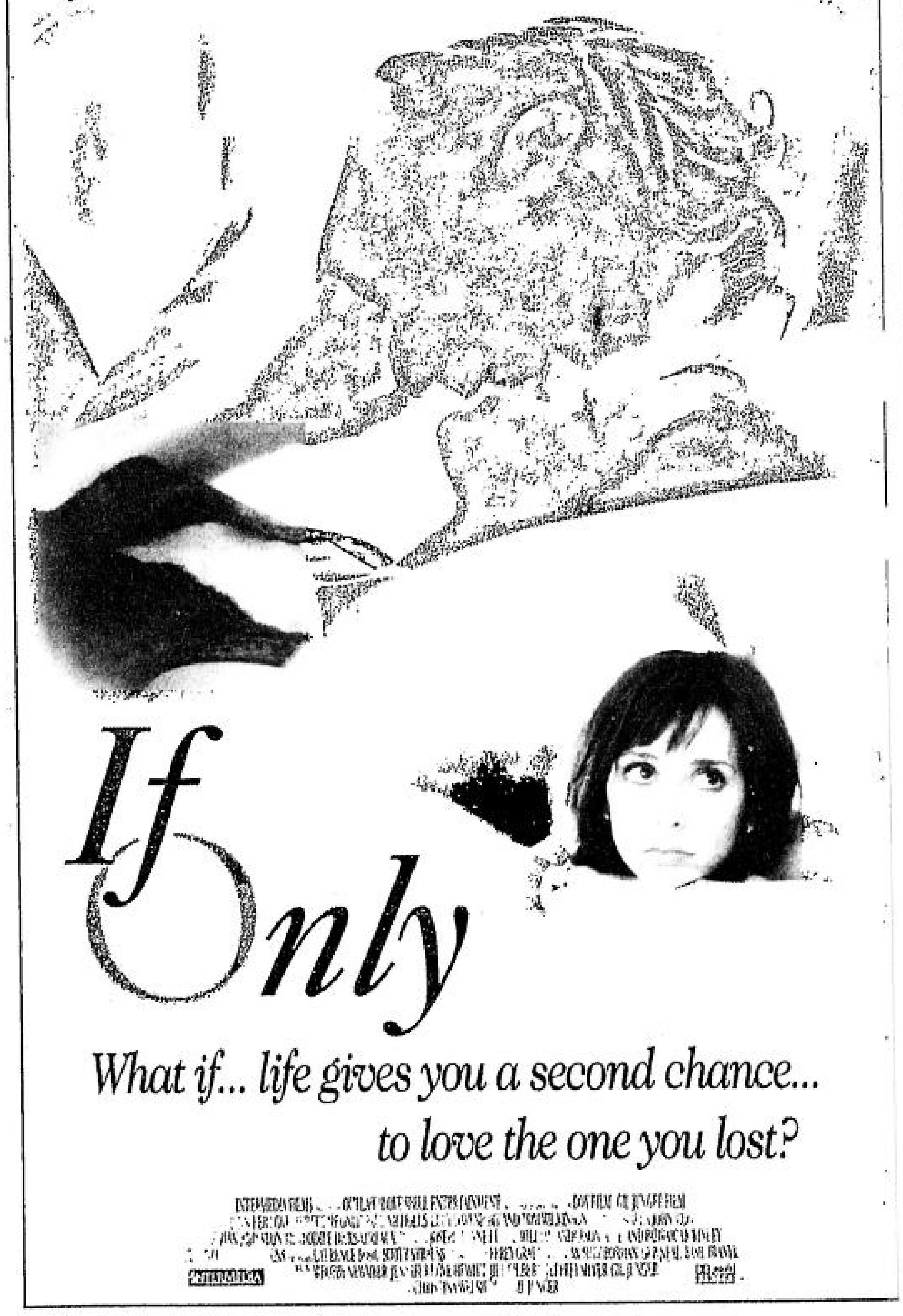
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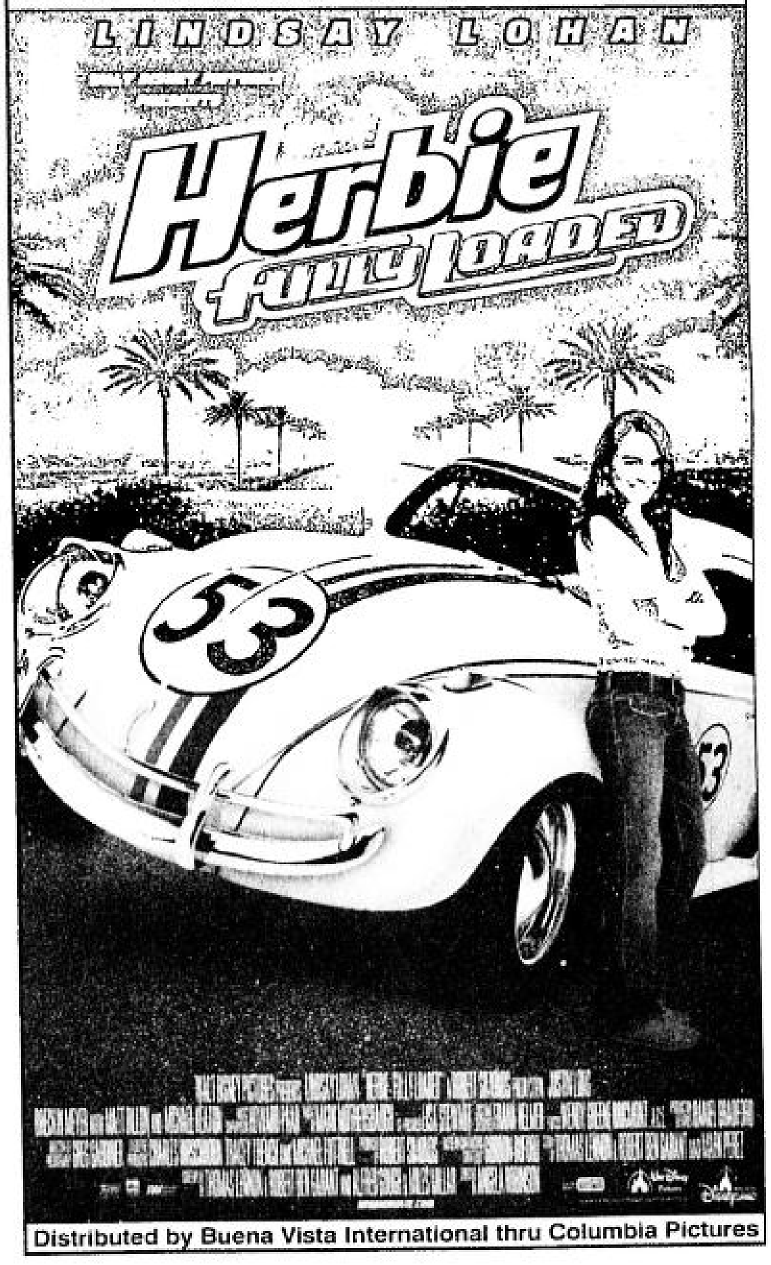

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DAY ONE - 4 JULY
BEYOND GIVING . . . INTEGRATING

8:00 am **REGISTRATION**

9:00 am **OPENING of EXHIBITS**

9:30 am **OPENING CEREMONIES** *(By Invitation)*
Global Perspective: Louis Willem "TEX" Gunning, Group Vice-President - Southeast Asia & Australasia, Unilever Asia Pte. Ltd.
National Perspective: Jose Antonio Aboitiz, Chief Financial Officer, Aboitiz Food Group

12:30 pm **LUNCHEON & PLENARY** by the Ayala Group of Companies *(By Invitation)* • *Speaker:* **Gerardo C. Ablaza Jr.**, President, Globe Telecom, Inc.

2:00 - 3:30 pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

CS 1: Bringing CSR into the Boardroom: The Role of the CEO in Determining a Company's Social Agenda • *Panel Discussion:* **Ramon del Rosario Jr.**, President, Phinma, Inc.; **Warner Manning**, CEO, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; **Pacita Juan**, CEO, Figaro Coffee Co.
CS 2: Making CSR an Integral Part of the Corporation's Culture • *Panel Discussion:* **Rosario Ventura**, Corporate Responsibility Manager, Asia, Intel Technology Philippines; **Leonisa dela Llana**, FVP & Head, HR & Corporate Services, Meralco; **Eve Lwembe**, National Volunteering Development Officer, VSO Jitolee, Kenya
CS 3: Prosperity at the Bottom of the Pyramid • *Speaker:* **Prof. Tommy Lopez**, AIM Center for Entrepreneurship • *Reactor:* **Emma Lim-Sandrino**, Executive Director, Foundation for Sustainable Society

4:00 pm **AFTERNOON PLENARY**
Integrating CSR into the Core Business: Stand for Something . . . or Stand for Nothing • *Speaker:* **Jude Mannion**, Founder & CEO, Robin Hood Foundation, New Zealand

6:00 pm **FELLOWSHIP NIGHT** *(By Invitation)* co-presented by Microsoft Philippines and League of Corporate Foundations

DAY TWO - 5 JULY
BEYOND GIVING . . . ENRICHING

7:30 am - **LCF Breakfast with Jude Mannion** (By Invitation) hosted by Mirant Philippines Foundation

8:30 am - **REGISTRATION**

9:00 am - **MORNING PLENARY 1: Looking Into Business Solutions to Public Education Problems**
Business Sector Initiatives in Education: Aniceto Sobrepeña, Executive Vice President & Executive Director, Metrobank Foundation and Former Lead Convenor, Trisectoral Conference on Educational Reforms • **Business & Education: Unleashing New Value in Education through Corporate Philanthropy & Public-Private Partnership: Usec. Juan Miguel Luz**, Department of Education

10:20 am **CONCURRENT SESSIONS: Cases of Business Solutions to Education Problems** • *Introduction to the Concurrent Sessions:* **Prof. Ernesto Garilao**, Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Graduate School of Business/ Executive Director, AIM-Mirant Center for Bridging Societal Divides
CS 1: ICT Solutions • *Panel Discussion:* **GILAS** or Gearing Up Internet Literacy & Access for Students; **Connectivity of Schools** by Innove; and **Partners in Learning** by Microsoft, PBSP, and Learn.ph
CS 2: Business Solutions Case Presentations • *Panel Discussion:* Nokia: Media Master; Intel People's PC, and Knowledge Channel Foundation
CS 3: Using Business Expertise Case Presentations • *Panel Discussion:* **Teacher Training Program in English** by Convergys; **Lingap Eskwela** by Manila Water ; and **Bright Minds Read Program** by Ronald McDonald House Charities:

MORNING PLENARY 2: Toward System-Wide/Business Solutions
IModerator: **Prof. Ernesto Garilao**, AIM Graduate School of Business/ Executive Director, AIM-Mirant Center for Bridging Societal Divides • *Response from the Department of Education:* **Sec. Florencio Abad**

12:30 pm **LUNCHEON & PLENARY: Business Solutions to Social Problems** by Mirant Philippines and The World Bank • *Speakers:* **Joachim Von Amsberg**, Country Director, World Bank Office, Manila and **Sec. Raphael Lotilla**, Department of Energy (invited)

2:15 - 3:45 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS
CS 1: Business Solutions Addressing Health Issues of Public Schools & the Community by the LCF Health Committee • *Speakers:* **Dr. Cynthia Cuayo-Juico**, Chair, CSR Committee on Community Outreach, Manila Doctors Hospital; **Mao Navoa**, Associate Director, Disease Management, Pfizer (Philippines), Inc.; and **Alberto Lim**, President, Ten Knots Development Corp.
CS 2: Business Solutions to Environmental Problems by the LCF Environment Committee • *Speakers:* Former DENR Sec. **Elisea G. Gozun**, Chair, Earth Day Network Philippines; **Lisa Antonio**, Executive Director, Philippine Business for the Environment; **Jess Reyes**, AVP and Head, Environment & Safety, Nestlé Philippines; **Tony Casaclang**, President, Association of Food Chains and Environmental & Safety Engineer, Jollibee Foods Corporation; and **Oliver Gorrospe**, Business Development Manager, San Miguel Packaging Products
CS 3: Developing Socially Responsible Youth Business Leaders by the LCF Enterprise Development Committee • *Speakers:* **Nilo Cruz**, President, Junior Achievement of the Philippines, **Dr. Conrado Iñigo**, Chairman Emeritus, Philippine Council of Deans & Educators in Business; and **Ma. Teresa Tumbali**, Chair, LCF Enterprise Development Committee

2:30 - 4:00 pm **CS 4: Business Solutions to Barangay Electrification** • Speaker: **Usec. Melinda Ocampo**, Department of Energy

4:00 - 5:00 pm **Networking and Real-time Consulting**

5:30 pm **FELLOWSHIP NIGHT** *(By Invitation)* Cocktails

DAY THREE - 6 JULY
BEYOND GIVING . . . SUSTAINING

8:30 am **REGISTRATION**

9:00 am **MORNING PLENARY: Sustaining Business Action to Achieve the MDGs: Can a decade make a difference?** • *Opening Remarks:* **Ramesh Jain**, UN Resident Coordinator and Representative, UNFAO • *Speakers:* **Romulo Neri**, Director-General, NEDA; **Manuel Pangilinan**, Chair, PBSP; **Pedro Roxas**, Chair, CADP Group Corporation; and **Allen Hammond**, UNDP New York (invited)

11:00 am **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
CS 1: Market-Driven Scholarship Program: The Toyota Experience and **Holcim Philippines' Galing Mason, Building Solid Foundations for our Communities Program** • *Speaker:* **Ramon Ventura Jr.**, Project Officer, Toyota Foundation; **Roel John Judilla**, Dean, Mapua IT - School of Mechanical Engineering; **Zita Diez**, CSR & Communications Head, Holcim Philippines
CS 2: Leveraging Core Competencies: The Vietnam Pushcarts Program • *Speakers:* **Stuart Hawkins**, Public Affairs Manager, Coca-Cola Asia and **Huynh T. My Tien**, Corporate Citizenship Manager, Coca-Cola Southeast Asia
CS 3: The Bottom-of-the-Pyramid (BOP) SMART Case • *Speaker:* **Ramon Isberto**, Head of Public Affairs, Smart Communications

12:30 pm **LUNCHEON & PLENARY: Philippine Government's Blueprint on Entrepreneurship** (By Invitation) • *Speaker:* **Usec. Amelia Alonzo**, SME Development, Department of Trade and Industry

2:00 - 3:00 pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
CS 1: Communicating CSR • *Speakers:* **Marilou Erni**, Executive Director, Petron Foundation, **Regina Lopez**, Managing Director, ABS-CBN Foundation, **Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez**, President, Philippine Daily Inquirer
CS 2: Measuring the Impact of CSR Programs (Global Framework) • *Speaker:* **Ma. Divina G. de Leon**, Social Development Manager, Pilipinas Shell Foundation

3:15 - 4:45 pm CSR WORKSHOP: De-Constructing CSR • *Speaker:* **Jude Mannion**, Founder & CEO, Robin Hood Foundation, New Zealand

5:00 pm **INTEGRATION & CLOSING CEREMONIES** • *Speaker:* **Victoria Garchitorena**, Chair, League of Corporate Foundations and President, Ayala Foundation

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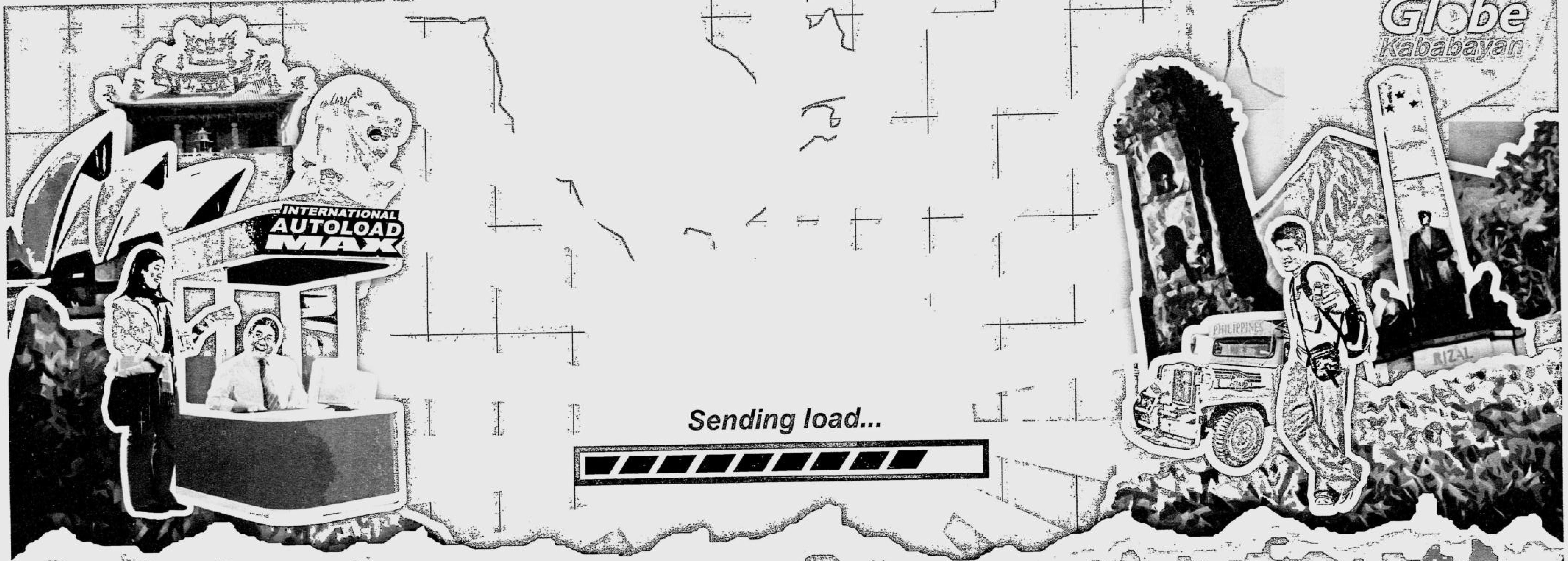

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IMMACULATE Conception Academy Grade 2 Section Rose, 1968. I am seventh from left, second row, standing. I graduated from ICA in 1978.

Taipan's daughter shares her nightmares

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

ONCE in a while Robina Y. Gokongwei-Pe gets a "nightmare" as she puts it—she is about to take a test in her Chinese class at the Immaculate Concepcion Academy or ICA as it is more known, where she studied high school. And she is not prepared.

"I guess it means I really should have taken my Mandarin more seriously. Look at China now, it's where everybody is going," muses the eldest daughter of taipan John Gokongwei.

Even without learning the language, Robina, who got her name from Robinson, second name of John (and taken from Robinson Crusoe, her grandfather's favorite character)—has her hands full handling the retail business of the Gokongwei empire—Robinsons Department Store, Robinsons Supermarket and Robinsons Supercenter (Big R stores), Robinsons specialty stores (Topshop, Topman, Dorothy Perkins, Handyman Home Center and the Mini-Stop. And she has a card for each business where her titles are the same—senior vice president, group general manager.

Robina, a lady who has wit and can easily make fun of herself, has been involved with the department store 21 out of its 25 years of existence. RDS turns 25 this October, and has 23 branches all over the country. It will open two more next year.

ME WITH brother Lance and sister Lisa in 1971. I was 10, Lance was five and Lisa was three. Lance is now COO of JG Summit Holdings Inc. and Lisa is General Manager of Summit Publishing Inc.

She worked in Robinsons right after finishing Journalism at the New York University. She was given only one week to get over her jet lag and assigned as a tagger in the receiving department of Robinsons Department Store in Ermita, the company's first branch.

She was made to wear the company uniform and was required to punch in and punch out her time card everyday. She got P1,500 a month.

Robinsons Department Store
Robinsons Supermarket
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TOPSHOP

ROBINA (third from left) with her four general managers (from left): Justiniano Gadia, Robinsons Supermarket; Johnson Go, Handyman Do It Best Home Center; Graham Coates, Robinsons Department Store and Topshop; and Mariano Joaquin Jr., Robinsons Appliances

That was in 1984.

First pay

But being a tagger was not Robina's first job. During her summer break, when she was 15, she was tasked to work at the Universal Robina Corp., the food firm of the Gokongweis, as a clerk. She would list numbers on a yellow pad in a straight and neat line she recalls. She got P50 a week and free food in the canteen.

FIRST JOB

As a teenager, she splurged her pay on Sanrio items (Hello Kitty, Little Twin Stars stuff sold at Gift Gate). She says her favorite 'hanging out' places with friends then were Tropical Hut in Greenhills, Shoppesville, Gift Gate and the House of Minis, a diner.

Although she had always wanted to write as a kid, she pursued AB Economics at UP Diliman. "During my time, Chinoy girls were encouraged to either major in Accounting so we could be employed in what was then considered the most stable business of all—a bank; or take up pre-Med. Going into writing was practically unheard of."

Life-changing event

Life was smooth for Robina during her first three years in college. But on her first semester as an incoming senior an event took place that continues to haunt her to this day.

WITH mother. I must've been one year old.

WITH father John and mother Elizabeth. I must've been two years old at this time.

On the way to school, their "combi" was blocked and she and a cousin were kidnapped. She was eventually set free and to ensure her safety was sent to Singapore with her cousin, only brother Lance and sister Lisa.

Robina could not recall what she did in Singapore. She says perhaps she blocked off her one year there because she still feels embarrassed to say she did not do anything for one year although she vaguely remembers taking Chinese lessons, learning flute, going to the market. . .

Liberating experience

She was then sent to the US to finish her studies. There she got a chance to pursue writing; yet she jokes, "I took up Journalism because I forgot all those economic theories after bumming around in Singapore. With Journalism, you don't have to memorize anything except for the history of media in the US."

Her one and a half year stint in New York was, as she put it, a liberating experience.

"I was so free," she says.

She lived in a coed dorm and had no bodyguards. She even managed to earn extra by working as a lifeguard in the pool dorm. She was member of the ICA varsity swim team. In UP , however, she says she was a "bench swimmer."

But her fun days were short lived as she had to go back to Manila and join the family enterprise which at that time had already expanded into retail.

What she had difficulty adjusting back to Manila was having helpers. "I was so used to doing things myself, it takes time for you to start asking the maids to do things for you."

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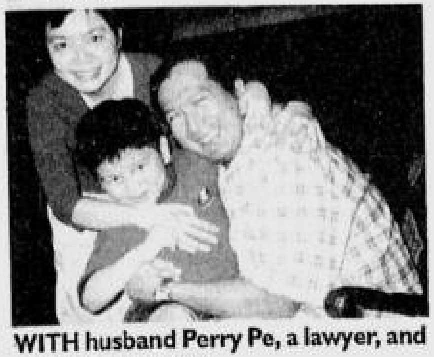

WITH husband Perry Pe, a lawyer, and son Justin, now 10.

JOHN Gokongwei with his two grandchildren, Justin and Therese (daughter of Faith Gokongwei Lim)

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Certification of Notice and Quorum
III. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on April 20, 2004
IV. Presentation of Annual Report
V. Approval and Ratification of Acts and Proceedings of the Board of Directors, the Duly Constituted Committees and Corporate Officers
VI. Election of the Board of Directors
VII. Appointment of External Auditor
VIII. Other Business
IX. Adjournment

The record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, said meeting is fixed at the close of business hours on March 1, 2005.

The forum for the validation of proxies shall be convened on July 14, 2005.

Please bring any form of identification in order to facilitate registration.

(sgd) ATTY. NILO T. DIVINA
Executive Vice President / General
Counsel & Corporate Secretary

Taipan's daughter...

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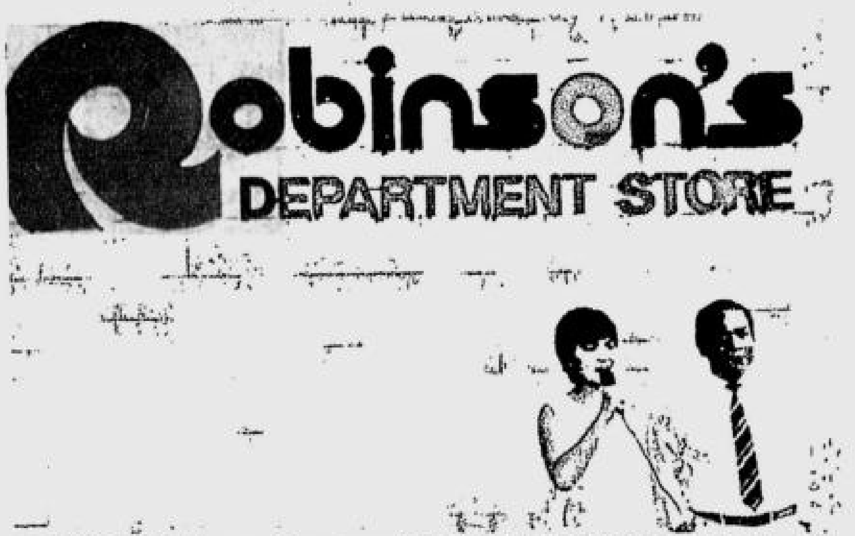

OPENING of Robinsons Department Cebu in 1985. RDS-Cebu was our second branch to open after the Ermita branch, which opened in 1980. The RDS logo was changed in 1990 and again in 2002.

She eventually got re-oriented to the Manila lifestyle and went about her duties at the department store although she was the only staff member who went to work with a driver and a body guard.

Despite being who she was, her father made sure she literally rose from the ranks although Robina admits she was probably the fastest promoted employee in Robinsons.

Starting from the ranks

After three months as a tagger, she was made a "tindera," a saleslady who worked in the different sections. But her favorite section was the shoe department because at that time many of their clients in Ermita were nightclub girls who usually came with their foreign boyfriends and would immediately buy six pairs of shoes—sequined, stilettoes; and buy sexy underwear.

One year later she was made head of a department; after six months, head of a whole floor; another six months and she was made a floor manager; then she was promoted as store manager of their former branch along Pioneer St.

But the training does not stop there. Her father made sure she was exposed to all aspects of retailing. She was put in charge of merchandising—which means choosing the goods that will be sold in the department store and the quantity of the orders.

She kids that all her choices did not sell but her experience gave her insights on how the retail business was then and now.

Retail insights

"In the past, there were three kinds of fashion—corporate, party and weekend wear. Now its all the same—what people wear in the office, they wear during weekends. What they were in the office they wear to parties."

"Today its fast fashion. People want basic stuff," she adds.

One important development she notes is that in the past she dealt with a lot of locally made goods. Today, many are from China, especially plastic wear and home lines.

For clothes, many are made her but using textile from China. Knowing this the more she laments not learning Chinese. In fact, none of the Gokongwei children nor their cousins—most of whom work for the business enterprise which include airlines, telecoms, banking, food, retail—know their ancestor's language.

Patricia Go, a cousin and involved with URC and Cebu Pacific says they have been trying to get a private tutor to teach them but they cannot get all their schedules synchronized.

Neither can any of them speak Cebuano, where the Gokongweis were originally from.

But all the business traditions of the Chinese they have adopted—eldest son gets the top post; all children have to be involved in the business.

Nightmare on Times St.

Robina says if she had not been required to work for the family business, she would have become a dog vet. "As much as I love dogs, I don't think I will be able to manage a veterinary clinic. All the dogs might die under my care."

But Robina simply takes in stride what comes with being a part of a Chinese business-oriented family. "I remember my dad telling me since I was nine that I had to work for the family business, so my mind was prepared for it. He told me if I wanted to do something else he wouldn't prevent me from doing it for as long as I work for him."

So, like a good soldier she followed her dad. Even accepting the task of publisher when the Gokongweis bought The Manila Times in 1988.

"I knew about it the day before. My dad and I were biking (on our stationary bikes) as we used to do every morning. Then he tells me—'I forgot to tell you tomorrow morning, we have a meeting with Don Ramon Roces."

She continued to manage the retail business while she was publisher. The Gokongweis closed the paper in 1999 and eventually sold it after then President Joseph Estrada filed a P100 million libel suit against the newspaper stemming from a story published that tagged Estrada as an "unwitting godfather" to a deal involving the awarding of the contract to rehabilitate and operate the Caliraya-Botocan-Kalayaan hydroelectric complex to the Argentine firm Impsa.

Robina, as publisher, had to issue a front page public apology.

She agrees her experience was a "nightmare on Times Street."

"I told my dad I wanted to write, not run a paper!"

Robina's wish these days is to have a second child.

"At 44, I must be joking," she quips. Son Justin is already 10 years old.

And she says she wants to be able to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Robinsons Retails Group in 2030. "That is, if I'm still alive by then. But not having a second kid on Robinson's 50th anniversary ha..."

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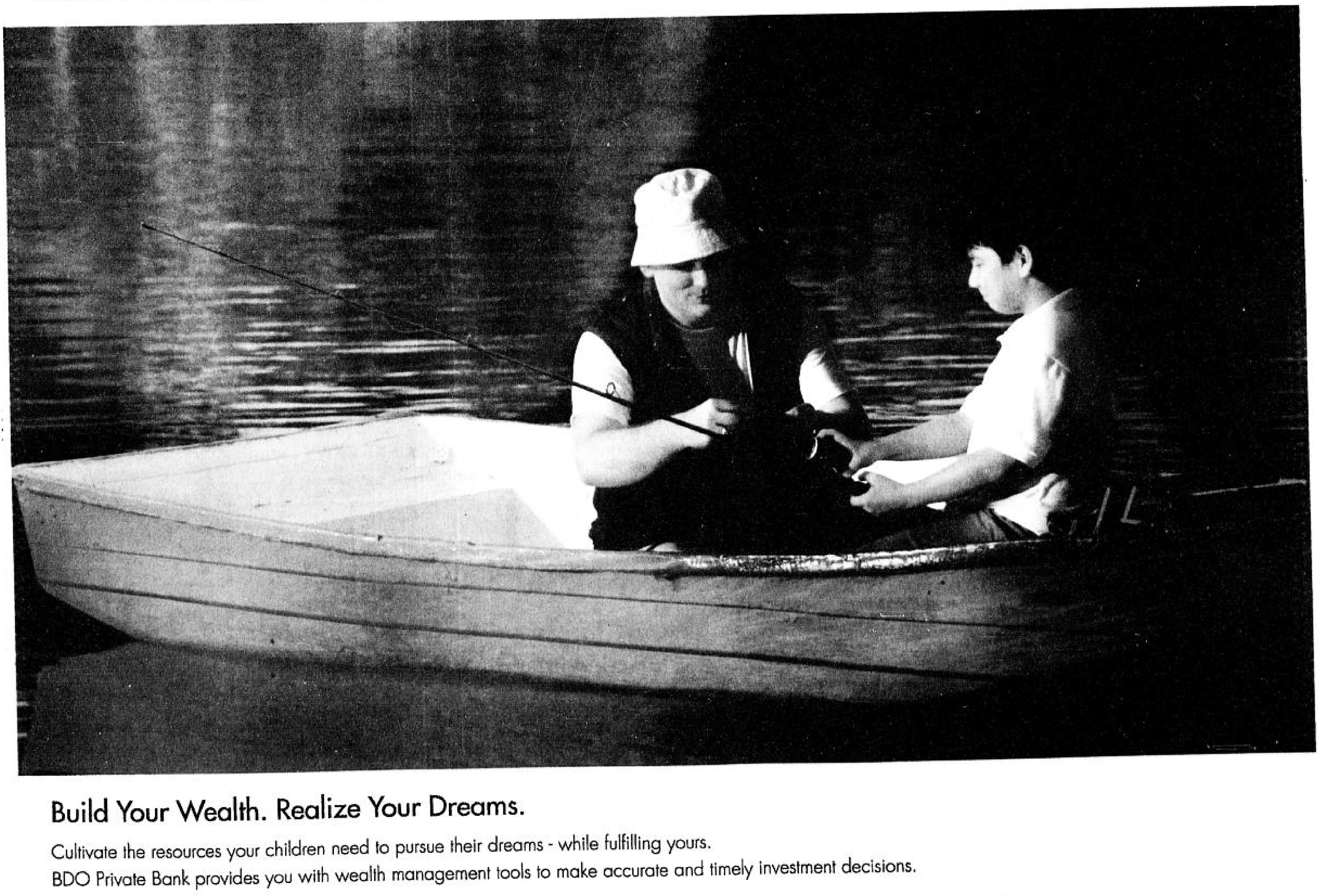

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1. 2-Sty.T'Hse/# 475-C,North-11 St, Angela Vill., Brgy. Talon-2 LA-68/FA-101 (nr BF Resort & Happy Ville) *w/ occupants, to be vacated on Aug. 1, 2005	2,377,000
Union Villas T'hms.- BF Resort Vill.	
2. 2-Sty. T'Hse/ Unit-11, BFCarnival Park St.nr.E. Yuhico St. Brgy Talon-2 / LA-65 50 / FA-128	2,301,000

PASIG CITY – Ortigas Cntr.	MIN BID
3. Condo -4BR, 5TB, Maid's Rm.- Pkng /Unit-2802 AIC Gold Twr. Emerald Ave / FA-187 (nr. Robinsons)	6,900,000

CAVITE - Molino III, Bacoor	MIN BID
Central Phase – 2, Springville Subd. (Lots)	
4. L-24 B-7,MB Villar Ave /LA-120	974,000
5. L-3 B-3, near ClubHse /LA-112	790,000
6. L-5 B-3, near ClubHse /LA-112	790,000
7. L-7 B-3, near ClubHse./LA-122	861,000
8. L-1 B-1, near ClubHse /LA-142	1,002,000
9. L-2 B-1, near ClubHse /LA-96	677,000
Madelaine Place, Springville Subd. (Lots)	
10. Lot / Lot - 8 Blk - 1 / LA-117	743,000
11. Lot / Lot - 6 Blk - 4 / LA-120	762,000
12. Lot / Lot - 10 Blk - 3 / LA-123	781,000
13. Lot / Lot - 18 Blk - 6 / LA-132	838,000
14. Lot / Lot - 19 Blk - 7 / LA-132	838,000
Washington Manor Hts., Springville Subd.	
15. Lot / Lot – 2 Blk - 2 / LA-154	1,304,000
16. Lot / Lot - 16 Blk - 2 / LA-145	1,227,000
17. Lot - 18 Blk - 2 / LA - 162	1,371,000

Orchard Res'l. Estates and Golf & Country Club - Salitran, Dasmarinas, Cavite	
FAIRWAY LOTS	
18. Lot-27 Blk-17 / LA - 828	3,147,000
19. Lot-52 Blk-17 / LA - 1,130	4,294,000
20. Lot-93 Blk-48 / LA - 783	2,976,000
NON - FAIRWAY LOTS	
21. Lot-09 Blk-37 / LA - 672	2,016,000
22. Lot-35 Blk-37 / LA - 687	2,061,000
23. Lot-67 Blk-46 / LA- 506	1,518,000

CAVITE- Brgy. Palangue, Naic	MIN BID
Mango Orchard Res'l. & Farm Estates	
24. Lot-6 Blk -18 / LA - 1,468	1,468,000
25. Lot-5 Blk.-19 / LA - 964	964,000
26. Lot-6 Blk.-19 / LA - 1,194	1,194,000
27 Lot-4 Blk.-19-A / LA - 2,953	2,953,000
28 Lot-10 Blk.-19-B / LA - 2,245	2,245,000

CAVITE – Carmona (Lot)	MIN BID
29 L-16 B-1,Ph-1,Mla Southwoods Brgy C Baybay/LA-1,224 (nr. Gate-1)	6,577,000

QUEZON CITY	MIN BID
30. H&L/# 269 M Aquino St. Banlat Rd,T Sora LA-120 / FA-191 (Nr. NPC Subd) *w/ Lis Pendens	1,700,000

MAKATI CITY	MIN BID
Brgy. Singkamas beside Mkti. Coliseum	
31. *L-1 B-23/LA-282,Maskardo St	3,600,000
32. *L-2 B-23/LA-315,Maskardo St (Lots only) *With Existing Case	4,023,000
Kingswood Twr.- P. Tamo cor. V. Cruz	
33 Condo / Unit-P2F, Tower-B 28th & 29th flrs / FA-154	7,207,200
34. Condo./ Unit-P3F,Tower-B 26th & 27th flrs / FA - 154	7,207,200

MALABON- Brgy. Dampalit	MIN BID
North Merville Park-I Subd. (*w/ occupants)	
35. *L-1 B-14, J.Cancio St/LA-186	150,000
36 *Lot-19 Blk-13-A / LA – 168	180,000

MALABON – Hulong Duhat	MIN BID
37. H&L/# 8 Don Basilio Bautista Blvd , LA-886 / FA-847 40	6,200,000

ANTIPOLO, RIZAL (Lots)	MIN BID
38. H&L, L-7 B-3, Valley Golf Dr. Valley Golf Subd , Mayamot LA-1,961 / FA-107 (Nr. Ortigas Ext'n.)	5,424,000
39. L-20 B-17, Jerusalem St Ph-5 Brgy Uulan/LA-120 (via Tikling Junction & Melendres Subd.)	332,000
40. L-23 B-10, Cottonwood Hls. Bayugo / LA-266 (near Sumulong)	1,332,000
41. L-21 B-2, Birchwood St, Cottonwood Hls, Bayugo / LA-355	1,778,000
42. Lot-47 Blk-18,Park Ridge Est. Ph.-3 (via Valley Golf) LA-811	2,058,000
43. L-17 B-1, Beverly St, Sta Barbara 1,Mission Hills.Colaique/LA-1,021 (nr. Pines City)	4,102,000

ANGONO (via Antipolo)	MIN BID
44 Lot / L-6 B-2, Mills St, Sta. Monica Classic Est,Ph-3,Mission Hills Brgy Colaique/LA-540 (near Pines City)	2,096,000

CALOOCAN – Gracepark	MIN BID
45. Lot / L-25 & 26 B-31, 2nd St. LA-388 60 / bet. 3rd & 4th Ave	4,300,000

NUEVA ECIJA - Cab. City	MIN BID
# 529 Pag-Asa, Daan Sarili (near L.T.O.)	
46 Res'l. Lot 3-A-6 / LA-1,820 62	400,000
47. Res'l. Lot 2-A / LA-2,535 36	1,388,000
48. 2-Sty/Lot-2-G/LA-1,861/FA-13	4,022,000

SAN MATEO-Bo.Patiis, RIZAL	MIN BID
49. *Lot / B-15, LA – 40,171	3,000,000
50. *Lot / B-16, LA – 40,171	3,000,000
51. *Lot / B-17, LA – 40,171	3,000,000
52. *Lot / B-18, LA – 40,171	3,000,000
* No Right Of Way	

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LAGUNA – San Pedro	MIN BID
San Vicente Rd, Villa Milagrosa, Brgy. San Vicente	
53. H&L, L-14 B-9/LA-54/FA-61.97	330,000

LAGUNA – Calamba	MIN BID
Brgy. Lawa, Revelation St, St. Augustine Vill.	
54. Lot / Lot-14 Blk-1 / LA-106	276,000
55. Lot / Lot-15 Blk-1 / LA-106	276,000

LAGUNA-Cabuyao, Poblacion	MIN BID
56. 2-Sty. H&L. Unit-1 Bellbart Elsol Villas Thomes / LA-107 / FA-85 *Near Mcdonalds & Wet Market	1,200,000

BULACAN – Plaridel	MIN BID
Brgy. Lalangan - Plaridel Heights	
57. Cor. Lot / L-2 B-47, LA-355	1,243,000
58. Cor. Lot / L-13 B-7, LA-404	1,414,000
59. Cor. Lot / L-2 B-38, LA-411	1,439,000
60. Lot / Lot- 25 Blk-8, LA-350	1,155,000

BULACAN - MALOLOS	MIN BID
61. H&L / Lot 2 & 3 Blk-17,Desta Ave. cor. 1st St., Desta Hms. Brgy Atlag LA-515/FA-293.84 (near Sto Cristo Diversion Rd.)	3,100,000

TAGAYTAY CITY	MIN BID
between Sta. Rosa, Lag. Short-cut & Aguinaldo H-way	
62. Lot/Lot-8, Tagaytay-Calamba Rd Tolentino-West (over looking Taal Lake) LA-2,156 *w/ Lis Pendens	20,000,000

VALENZUELA – Nr. Malinta Exit	MIN BID
63. Lot / Lot-551-A-2-A-3, Pineda Compd, Bonifacio St./ LA-1,114	2,241,000
64. 3-Sty.Bldg/ Lot-894-A-3,Mariano Laurel Drive Paso De Blas (near Fortune Village-4) LA-463 / FA-809 * w/ Lis Pendens	5,300,000

TARLAC CITY	MIN BID
65. Agro-Indl / Lot-3871-D,Sapang Maragul,Tibag /LA-10,001-near arch	3,315,000

COMMERCIAL
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MAKATI CITY	MIN BID
Bangkal – nr. S.Super Hi-way & EDSA	
66. Lot/L-7 B-7,Evangelista St.cor. Arguelles St. / LA - 310	11,600,000
67. Lot / L-8 B-7, Evangelista St. Lot Area – 311	11,700,000
Millenium Plaza- Mkti. Ave. cor. Eduque St.	
68. Condo Unit, 5/F, FA-261.24 (near former Int'l Schl)	17,765,000

PARANAQUE – San Dionisio	MIN BID
69 Lot-1-B & 1-C / Net LA-9,562 (back of SM Sucat & access) Beside Shell) W/ Lis Pendens	25,161,000

MANILA – Divisoria	MIN BID
70. 2/F, KP Tower CM Recto Ave cor. J. Luna St / FA – 658	28,792,000

QUEZON CITY	MIN BID
71. Building / Lots 8 & 9 Blk-S-27 Timog Ave LA-1,380-FA-1,500 (nr Unionbank Br & GMA-7) *on Lease	70,000,000
72 Warehouse / 185 Roosevelt Ave, San Francisco Del Monte LA – 5,641 / FA - 3,454 (Nr Unionbank Br Del Monte)	140,000,000
73. Warehouse / # 138 Gen. Luis cor. Pasacola Rd, Nagkaisang Nayon,N'iches/LA-49,504,FA-23,384	300,000,000

VALENZUELA CITY	MIN BID
74. Ind'l. Lot/Lot-2, 6-A, 4-A & B 3, 6-B-1 & 2,Maysan/ LA-12,516 (via Viongco St) *No right of way	8,003,000
75. W'hse/Lot-13 Templanza St. D Pedro Vill, Marulas LA-2,540 FA-3,314. (Near Savory Rest)	20,232,000
76 Ind'l Lot w/ 2 W'hses(14&16) Barracks, Canteen,Guardhse Lot-1075-D-1-C, Plastic City 6 T Santiago St,Canumay-West LA - 9,923 / FA – 7,096	39,703,000
77. Ind'l. Lot w/ W'hse / #47 Maysan Rd., (near Mayson Elem.Schl.) LA - 7,871 / FA – 7,040	40,702,000
78 Ind'l Lot w/ Bldgs /Lot-382-C Plastic City Housing,Canumay LA – 25,798 / FA – 5,310 (Via T Santiago St & Pinagbayanan St)	45,000,000

TAGUIG - Global City Fort Boni.	MIN BID
(Infront of Adidas Sports Camp)	
79 Lot / L-3 B-18,cor of 28th St. & 4th Ave / LA-1,643	164,300,000

TARLAC CITY – Poblacion	MIN BID
80. Lot / Lot-4-A, Panganiban St. LA-1,120 (infront of iceplant)	11,943,000
81. Lot / Lot-4-C, Rizal St / LA-755	8,094,000

NUEVA ECIJA - Cab. City	MIN BID
# 529 Pag-Asa, Daan Sarili (near L.T.O.)	
82. Agri.Lot / Lot-3-B / LA-37,041	2,366,000
83. Comml.Lot w/ W'hse & Offc Lot-2-H / LA-2,260 / FA-580	5,098,000

SARIAYA - QUEZON PROV.	MIN BID
84. Agri Lot w/ resl H&L,W'hse & Piggery/Lot-6181-A-5-A-1-A-1-I Psd 4A-001202, Bo Sampaloc LA-101,038 65 / FA-9,277 (near bridge of Bo Sampaloc) * with Lis Pendens	45,053,000

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ACROPOLIS HSES P16-34M 8894796 , 6337601-03

CAVITE

CAMELLA HOMES LA137m² FA198.90m² 5br P1.8M Vic 8903461 loc 27

DASMA 681K 0918-7141462

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CAVITE

Town & Country Subd. Molino Bacoor Cavite Assumed Loan, Low Cash Outlay 534-9895 • 533-2518

LAGUNA

ADELINA 1 3Bdrms LA183m² P1.7M Vic 8903461 loc. 27

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MILAN CAMELLA HOMES 3Stry FA210m² LA78m² P1.5M VIC 8903461 LOC 27/25

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CEBU	MIN BID
Banilad – Cebu City	
1. Lot/Lots 20 & 6-D Paseo Annette, Ma. Luisa Estate Park Subd./ T.L.A.- 1,158	5,211,000
Busay – (near Cebu Plaza Hotel)	
2. Resl. Lot / L- 2-C-2, L.A-393	302,000
3. Resl. Lot / L-2-C-3, L.A-393	333,000

BACOLOD CITY	MIN BID
La Herencia Negrense Subd,Mandalagan	
4. Inner Lots /L-2&5 B-8/TLA-585	644,000
5. Inner Lot /L-11 B-12/ LA-655	721,000
6. Inner Lot /L-29 B-27/ LA-435	479,000
7. Inner Lot /L-31 B-27/LA-413	455,000
8. Inner Lot /L-32 B-27/LA-350	385,000
9 Corner Lot/L-33 B-27/LA583	700,000
10. Corner Lot/L-2 B-31/LA-601	722,000
11. Corner Lot/L-13 B-31/LA689	827,000
12. Corner Lot/L-28 B-28/LA675	810,000

ILOILO	MIN BID
13. Lot/Fishpond Lot-B, Barrio Pantalan,Anilao/LA-177,839	5,291,000

GENERAL SANTOS CITY	MIN BID
14. Lot-1347-B-4, Cabo Subd. LA-10,038 *(w/ Lis Pendens & occupants)*	9,544,000

DAVAO CITY – Poblacion	MIN BID
15. H&L / L-12, 14 & 16 Blk.-9 Dahlia Loop, Ladislawa, Garden Vill, (w/ occupant) TLA-1,424 / FA-480	8,000,000
Ma-a, Talomo (Interior)	
16. Agri./ Lot-410-E-1/LA-12,00	5,520,000
17. Agri./ Lot-410-E-2/LA-12,000	5,520,000
18. Agri./ Lot-410-E-3/LA-12,059	5,550,000
19. Agri./ Lot-410-E-4/LA-12,000	5,520,000

BUKIDNON	MIN BID
(Lingi-on, Manolo Fortich)	
20. Agri./ Lot-518 / LA-79,051	395,000
21. Agri. / Lot-519 / LA-58,479	292,000
22. Agri./Lot-520/Net LA-82,022	410,000
23. Agri. / Lot-528 / LA-86,159	431,000
24. Agri. / Lot-530 / LA-105,201	527,000

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ILIGAN CITY	MIN BID
Camague	
25. Res. Lot / L-1 B-13,/LA-5,162	709,000

PAGADIAN CITY	MIN BID
Linenza	
26. Lot-194-B-2-1-8-C-9 (B) / LA-246	105,000
27* Lot-194-B-2-1-8-C-9 (A) / LA-312 *With occupant	128,000

COMMERCIAL

CEBU CITY	MIN BID
28. *Ind'l.Lot w/ W'Houses Lots 4761 & 4768, Cebu South Rd , Basak Pardo LA-3,109 / TFA-2,499 (On lease)	21,600,000
29. *Ind'l.Lot w/ W'Hse/Offc. Lots 4759,Cebu South Rd,Basak Pardo.LA-2,688/TFA-2,186 (On lease)	18,400,000
30. *Comml. Lot w/ 6 sty. Building / L7624-C -1-B & 7624-C-3,Colon Pahina Central Sambag./ LA-660.70 TFA-2,797 (On lease) *Subject to credit approval*	76,005,000
Port Centre	
31. *Lot-3,Cabahug St.LA -1,100	15,405,000
32. *Lot-4 Cabahug St.LA -1,100	15,405,000

MISAMIS ORIENTAL	MIN BID
33. Ind'l. Lot w/ buildings Old Nat'l Hi-way, Luz Banzon, Jasaan / TLA 5,464 / TFA 1,589 (beside Pilipinas Kao)	9,257,000

DAVAO CITY (nr. Magsaysay Park)	MIN BID
34. *Lot / Lots 1-L-3-B-2, 1-L-3-D-2-C & 1-L-3-D-1-D, P. Bangoy / T.L.A. - 1,976 *(Subject to credit approval)*	27,230,000
35. *Lot /Lots 1-L-3-H-3-B-1 & 1-L-3-H-3-B-2,J.Luna/TLA-544	4,004,000
36. *Lot / Lot 1-L-3-H-3-B-3, Juan Luna / T.L.A. - 271 * with occupants	2,000,000

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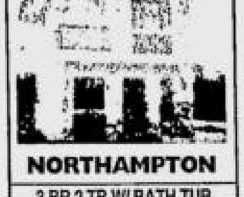

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(PDI - June 19, 26 & July 3, 2005)

NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given of the loss of GLOBAL EQUITIES, INC. Stock Cert. No. 21523 & 23214 under the name of HORST MAC WARTA. If no one contest after one (1) year is received, new certificate will be issued.
(PDI-June 26, July 3 & 10, 2005)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 06-57-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project	: One (1) lot Janitorial Service – Casino Filipino Silahis Required Personnel: 78 Janitors
Contract Duration	: One (1) year
Approved Budget	: Eleven Million Five Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven & 08/100 Pesos (P11,534,857.08)
Source of Fund	: Internally Funded

Only contractors duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered contractors must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita Manila., Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the Bid Documents available for issuance **from July 1, 2005 to July 22, 2005** at the Branch Procurement and Property Office, Casino Filipino-Silahis, 2nd Flr. Grand Boulevard Hotel, 1990 Roxas Blvd., Manila upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven & 43/100 Pesos (Php 5,767.43)***. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the Senior Branch Procurement and Property Officer.

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
Pre-Bid Conference	July 12, 2005 (10am)
Submission of Bids	July 25, 2005 (2pm)
Opening of Bids	July 25, 2005 (2pm onwards)

VENUE: Casino Filipino – Silahis, Grand Boulevard Hotel, 1990 Roxas Blvd., Manila

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a path thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BBAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BBAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the Branch Bids and Awards Committee, Casino Filipino-Silahis, 2nd Flr., Grand Boulevard Hotel, 1990 Roxas Blvd., Manila.

(Sgd) **AIDA V. TOBIAS**
BBAC Chairperson, CF-Silahis

(PDI – July 3 & 10, 2005)

Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 05-44-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project	: One (1) Lot Janitorial Service for Casino Filipino-Hyatt Required Personnel: 46 Janitors
Contract Duration	: Two (2) years
Approved Budget	: Fourteen Million Three Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Two and 08/100 (P14,332,702.08)
Source of Fund	: Internally Funded

Only contractors duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered contractors must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance **from July 1, 2005 to July 25, 2005** at the BBAC Secretariat, Branch Procurement and Property Office, Casino Filipino-Hyatt, Pedro Gil cor. Mabini Sts., Malate, Manila upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty Six & 35/100 Pesos (Php 7,166.35)***. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the Branch Procurement and Property Office, CF-Hyatt.

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
Pre-Bid Conference	July 13, 2005 (10am)
Submission of Bids	July 26, 2005 (2pm)
Opening of Bids	July 26, 2005 (2pm onwards)

VENUE: Casino Filipino – Hyatt, Pedro Gil cor. Mabini Sts., Malate, Manila

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Please address all communications to the Branch Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat, Casino Filipino–Hyatt.

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Kagawaran ng Ugnayang Panlabas — Department of Foreign Affairs

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila
Bids and Awards Committee

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Foreign Affairs-Bids and Awards Committee (DFA-BAC) is inviting interested bidders to apply for eligibility and bid for the :

A. CAR LEASE SERVICE CONTRACT (ABC – Php 21,528,000.00)
B. HEALTHCARE SERVICE CONTRACT (ABC – Php 31,000,000.00)

Interested bidders may acquire bid documents from 04 July – 15 July 2005, at the BAC Secretariat, Office of the Undersecretary for Administration, 12th Floor, DFA Bldg.. 2330 Roxas Blvd. Pasay City, (tel nos. 834-4066 and fax nos. 831-95-84), upon submission of Letter of Intent and payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) to the Cashier's Office, Office of Fiscal Management, 4th Floor, DFA Building, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Applications for eligibility and bid evaluation shall use the non-discretionary "PASS/FAIL" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

ACTIVITY	CAR LEASE	HEALTHCARE
Pre-bid Conference	18 July 2005 (2:00 p.m.)	18 July 2005 (3:00 p.m.)
Last Day of Submission of Bid Requirements	01 August 2005 (2:00 p.m.)	01 August 2005 (2:00 p.m.)
Opening of Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals	01 August 2005 (2:30 p.m.)	01 August 2005 (3:00 p.m.)

DFA-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reasons and to waive any deficiencies and required formalities embodied therein. DFA-BAC assumes no obligations whatsoever to offset the expenses and/or losses the bidder may have incurred in the preparation of the bids. DFA-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, and/or not to award the contract, and makes no assurances that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. EBDALIN**
Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs
Chairman, DFA-BAC

(PDI–July 3 & 10, 2005)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines

Tanggapan ng Pangalawang Kalihim
Office of the Undersecretary

DepED

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Printing, Packaging & Storing of Teachers' Test Booklets in Elementary & Secondary Science & Math, and Printing & Delivery of Non-Classified materials

1. The National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC) of the Department of Education (DepED), through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) is inviting suppliers and printers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following packages:

PACKAGE NO.	GOODS	APPROVED BUDGET PER PACKAGE
1	Printing, Packaging & Storing of Teachers' Test Booklets in Elementary & Secondary Science & Math	3,840,000.00
2.	Printing, Packaging & Delivery of Non-Classified Materials	200,000.00
	Total	PhP 4,040,000.00

Bids received in excess of the approved budget per package shall be rejected. The total Approved Budget of the Contract (ABC) is **PHILIPPINE PESOS FOUR MILLION FORTY THOUSAND & 00/100 ONLY (PhP4,040,000.00)**

2. The DepED now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Printing, Packaging & Storing of GOODS. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in Section II, Instructions to Bidders, of the Bidding Documents.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9184 known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interests or outstanding capital stocks belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in R.A. 5183. Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II, Instruction to Bidders of the Bidding Documents.
4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting on July 4 until July 14, 2005 at the BAC Secretariat Office, 5th Floor, Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Pasig City, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Philippine Pesos Two Thousand & 00/100 only (PhP2,000.00). Information is also available at *http://www.deped.gov.ph* or *www.procurementservice.org*. The BAC Secretariat could be reached through Tel. No. 636-6543 or Fax No. 636-6542
5. The DepED BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on July 15, 2005, 10:00 a.m. at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Complex, Pasig City
6. Bids must be received on or before July 27, 2005, 10:00 a.m. at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City. Late bids shall be rejected.
7. The DepED BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected parties.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
Undersecretary and BAC Chairman

(PDI–July 3 & 10, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
General Santos City

INVITATION TO ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The City Government of General Santos hereby invites interested bidders/suppliers registered by the G-EPS and accredited supplier of General Santos City for Eligibility and to Bid for the following projects/proposals:

Various Agricultural Supplies P386,670.25, Various Office Supplies P1,122,461.45, Various supplies/materials for the repair and maintenance of buildings / roads P2,180,569.83, Heavy Equipment P6,300,000.00, IT Equipment & Software P6,113,812.00, Various Vehicle P3,940,000.00.

Issuance of Bid Documents	July 11, 2005 (BAC Office, 2nd flr. Right wing, City Hall, GSC)
Pre-Bidding Conference	June 12, 2005, 2:00 PM, City Mayor's Conference Room
Dropping of Bids	July 26, 2005, 10:00 AM, BAC Office
Opening of Bids	July 26, 2005, 10:00 AM, City Mayor's Conference Room

Various Medical Equipments P3,419,500.00 – Dropping & Opening of Bids – Aug. 16, 2005, 10:00 AM, BAC Office

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

Official copies of the Bidding documents shall be available to those who are interested to participate upon payment of the bid documents.

Bidders are required to submit an audited financial statements duly stamped "received" by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institution pursuant to circular no. 01-2004 of GPPB.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)

The City Government assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid and also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract in situations set forth in Section 41 of the IRR-A of R.A. 9184.

(Sgd.) **RODRIGO O. SALANGSANG**
BAC Chairman

(PDI–July 3 & 10, 2005)

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NOTICE OF COVERAGE AND FIELD INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 7 of R.A. 6657, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, landowners, listed below with their landholdings and location are hereby notified that their landholdings are now covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

LANDOWNER	LOCATION	TITLE NO.	LOT NO.	AREA	DATE OCULAR INSPECTION
1. La Purisima Agricultural Corporation	La Purisima Prosperidad	P-9817	SWO-10-000165	616.0500	August 15-19, 2005
2. Sta. Irene Agro Forest Development Corporation	Mabuhay Prosperidad	P-9814	SWO-10-000169/ Psd-100306-019078 (AR)	706.1901	August 22-26, 2005
3. Esperanza Agro Forest Development Corporation	Mabuhay, Prosperidad	P-9818	SWO-10-000165	864.4925	August 22-26, 2005
4. Prosperidad Agricultural Corporation	San Lorenzo, Prosperidad	T-14588	Bsd-13-000 598 (AR)	669.6693	August 15-19, 2005
5. Prosperidad Agricultural Corporation	San Lorenzo, Prosperidad	T-14587 598(AR)	Bsd-13-000	144.0947	August 15-19, 2005
	TOTAL			3,000.4966	

In this connection may we invite the landowners or their authorized representatives to a field investigation to be conducted on the date indicated herein. During the investigation, landholders may choose or pinpoint their retained area in accordance with Section 6 of R.A. 6657, which area should be more or less contiguous. Failure to attend said meeting or to choose retained area will mean that the office is given the discretion to identify the same.

Landowners are also advised to bring Statement of Production and Net Income on the said landholdings to be used as input in the determination of the land value.

Under Executive Order No. 405, dated 14 June 1990, we shall request the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to determine the land value of the said properties being acquired pursuant to Section 17 of R.A. 6657. As soon as we received the Memorandum of Valuation from LBP, we shall advise the landowners of the computed land value of the properties.

(Sgd.) FE B. MERCADO
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

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1. Deadline for submission, receipt and opening of bids shall be on July 15, 2005 at 1:00 pm. Interested parties should submit sealed bids to the Finance Department of GE Lighting Philippines Inc. located at 1873 P. Domingo Street, Makati City.
2. Items will be available for inspection from June 27 to July 15, 2005 at the company's office located at 1873 P. Domingo Street, Makati City. Inspection hours will be from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday.
3. Bids for one unit or for both units will be accepted as long as the number of units is clearly indicated in the submitted bid.
4. Winning bidders will shoulder all costs related to the dismantling and transportation of the items.
5. GE Lighting Philippines Inc. reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality or irregularities herein, or to accept such bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Company.
6. For additional inquires, contact Mr. Bernie Cacho at **(632)-895-7051**.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PNOC Exploration Corporation (PNOC EC) through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites consultancy firms/contractors to apply for eligibility and submit sealed bids for the **ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR PNOC EC'S PROPOSED BUILDING 1 AND 2 OFFICE SPACE DESIGN AND LAYOUT (NX05-358).**

The approved budget for this contract is Php 1,850,000.00 chargeable against PNOC EC funds.

Eligibility Documents shall be available for issuance at the above address from the Contracts Administration Group (c/o Mr. George N. Alejandro) starting **July 4, 2005** upon presentation of Letter of Intent and upon payment of non-refundable fee of PESOS: Five Hundred (PHP 500.00). Eligibility of prospective bidders to participate will be based on compliance to eligibility requirements, using pass/fail non-discretionary criteria, as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations-A (IRR-A) of RA 9184, The Government Procurement Reform Act. The submission of eligibility documents will be on or before **July 20, 2005** up to 5:00 P.M. Late submission of eligibility documents shall not be accepted. The bidding documents shall be issued only to bidders declared eligible by the PNOC EC BAC starting **July 27, 2005** upon payment of non-refundable fee of PESOS: TWO THOUSAND (Php 2,000.00).

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **August 5, 2005** at the PNOC EC Conference Room, Bldg. 1, Energy Center, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City

The Bid Documents shall be composed of two (2) sealed envelopes. The first envelope containing the Technical Bid and the second envelope containing the Financial Bid shall be submitted in two (2) sets each to the Bids and Awards Committee not later than 2:00 P.M. of **August 19, 2005** at the PNOC EC Conference Room, Bldg. 1, Energy Center, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter. **Late Bids shall not be accepted.**

PNOC EC assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expense in the preparation of the bid. Moreover, PNOC EC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any formality in the bid requirements, declare the bidding a failure, or award the contract to the bidder whose offer is the most responsive, lowest calculated bid, and the most advantageous to the government.

This publication is also posted in our website at www.pnoc-ec.com.ph and in the DBM website at www.procurementservices.net

(Sgd.) Jose M. Eljansantos
Chairman, Bids Awards Committee

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PRISM PRIVATE SECTOR MOBILIZATION FOR FAMILY PLANNING

REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The Private Sector Mobilization for Family Planning (PRISM), a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under contract number 492-C-00-04-00036-00 and implemented by a consortium led by Chemonics International Inc., is soliciting applications for the following grant objectives:

(1) **Establishment and maintenance of workplace family planning program [Code : RFA # 2005-01-01]**

(2) **Marketing medium/low-priced contraceptive brands in the Philippines [Code : RFA 3 2005-02-01]**

Grand funding will be provided to successful applications in accordance with the standard USAID policies. Applicants are advised to take note of the specific RFA code pertaining to the grant objective they are interested in applying for.

This solicitation is open to non-government organizations as well as private sector for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. Specific eligibility requirements are indicated in the Request for Applications (RFA) document.

Applicants interested in getting the full details of these solicitations can request for copies of the full RFA document from **grants@prism.org.ph**. Likewise, the RFAs can be downloaded in PDF format from **http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/PRISMGrants/**. The closing date for the submission of applications for the two RFAs are:

RFA #2005-01-01 – 5:00 pm, August 9, 2005

RFA #2005-02-01 – 5:00 pm, August 12, 2005.

Grant Applicants' Conference is scheduled on July 15, 2005 at 10 am (RFA 2005-01-01) and July 22, 2005 also at 10 am (RFA 2005-02-01). The Conference will be held at the PRISM office located at 23/F Wynsum Corporate Plaza, F. Ortigas Jr. Road (formerly Emerald Avenue), Ortigas Center.

For further details, please contact Ms. Ces Pangilinan, Grants Manager at email address: **grants@prism.org.ph**

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is hereby informed that **RODRINA "ODRY" GUZMAN** is no longer connected with Intelligent Touch Corporation and its affiliates as of May 26, 2005. The company hereto mentioned will not honor any transaction entered into by her.

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INVITATION TO BID "AS IS WHERE IS"
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NFA monitors rice supply, prices in public markets

THE NATIONAL Food Authority keeps close watch over public markets across the country to ensure the continuous availability and affordability of both NFA and commercial rice. In Metro Manila alone, some 571 rice outlets from 59 markets are being constantly monitored. These include 94 Bigasan ni Gloria sa Palengke (BGP) and Targeted Rice Distribution Program (TRDP) outlets; 211 accredited individual retailers (AIR) and 266 commercial rice outlets. Prevailing prices of commercial rice were recorded between P19 and P45 per kilogram while NFA rice remains at P16 and P18 per kilogram for the regular-milled (RMR) and well-milled (WMR) varieties. To serve consumers outside public markets, the NFA maintains its Tindahan ni Gloria sa Barangay (TGB) and regularly deploys 70 rolling stores in thickly populated areas in Metro Manila alone selling rice, sugar, noodles, coffee, sardines, milk, cooking oil and pre-packed vegetables in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture's "May Gulay" project. For more information on NFA programs, please send inquiries via Text NFA through mobile number 0917-6210927. For information on programs of the Department of Agriculture, please visit the DA's official website at www.da.gov.ph.

Annual sports and family day

THE REAL Estate Brokers Association of the Philippines (Rebap) celebrates its annual sports and family day on July 3 at La Salle Greenhills, Mandaluyong. This year's event is hosted by Rebap Mandaluyong chapter headed by its president CRB Julius G. Topacio, VP External CRB Lizette R. Reyes, sports committee chair Joel R. Oppus.

Once again Rebap has proven its Kapamilya-Kapuso Spirit. Greenhills chapter, Pasig chapter, LAMP chapter, Quezon City chapter, Makati chapter, Caloocan and Rizal chapter, Pampanga and Cavite chapter, CBD and Global chapter will be there.

Lots of surprise and giveaways from our sponsors: The Astra Group, The Magic Sing, Purfoods Hotdog, Hapee Toothpaste, Diamond Laboratories and FMPNI are in store for our Kapamilya members. Let's have fun! Go! Go! REBAP!

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July 3, 2005 – a special day for Inquirer and our readers! It will mark the unveiling of **Inquirer's 20th year Anniversary Bash** at the Glorietta Activity Center. And Job Market will be organizing a **one-day Resumé Collection Center** for our readers.

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For taking time to visit us in our time of sorrows...
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For the mass cards and messages of sympathy
and condolence...
For the lovely flowers to express compassion...
For joining us in our nightly vigils...
For attending the masses and funeral rites...
For having us in your minds and hearts in our hour
of grief...
For everything that you have given us to console
our hearts...

Our heartfelt and sincerest gratitude.

From the family of the late

Griselda "Baby" Limbo Aganon

November 6, 1928 – June 17, 2005

"She has loved unselfishly and lived a life of faith and hope...
We will truly miss you ***Mommy!****"*

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For thinking of us in our hour of grief...
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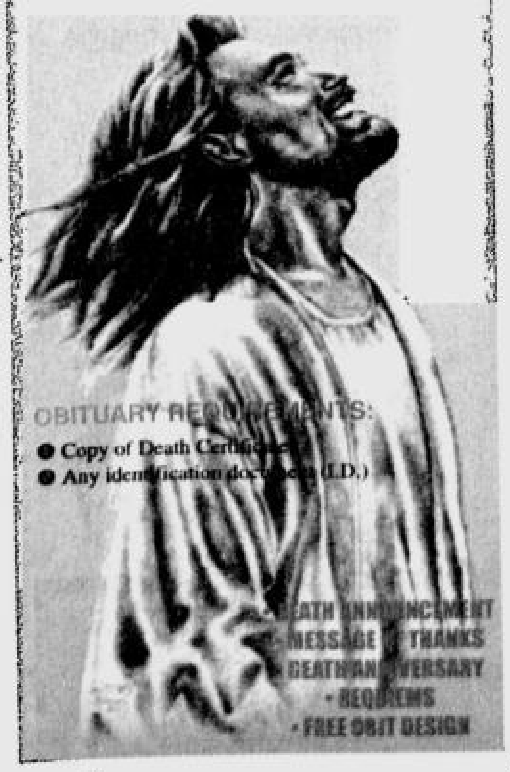

Our Dearly Beloved Tatay

Engr. Ildefonso Sengco Gloria

Peacefully joined our Lord
on July 2, 2005 at the age of 71.

His wife **Norma**; children **Geneva, Joseph** and **Grace; Ramon** and **Marie**; grandchildren **Jose Gabriel, Patricia Isabel** and **Diego Roman**; mother **Priscilla**; brothers and sisters request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Chapel 4, Loyola Memorial Park Chapels and Crematory, Marikina City.

A Mass will be held today, Sunday, July 3, 2005 at 5:00 p.m., and cremation will follow the 12:00 noon Mass on Wednesday, July 6, 2005.

Message of Thanks

The family of the late

LIONEL "NEL" DE TORO PENGSON

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In Loving Memory of

ROSARIO PAPA-DE LOS REYES

was called home by Our Lord
on July 01, 2005 at the age of 82.

Her bereaved family, children and children-in-law **Maricele & Americo, Erico & Carina, En & George, Ruby, Ariel**; grandchildren **Michelle, Michael, Yam & Brian, Chays, Xaxa, Kristel, JT, Guiller, Ryan, Marc, Jiggy, Austin & Desi**; great grandchild **David**; brothers **Toty & Mito**; sisters **Vacion, Emma & Dely**; sisters-in-law **Lita & Belitte** and relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels, Sucat, Parañaque.

Interment will be on Wednesday, July 06, 2005
at the Loyola Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque after the 2:00 p.m. Mass.

Masses will be offered at the following:

Our Lady of Assumption Parish Church, Guinobatan, Albay
July 02 – 6:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
July 03 – 9:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.
July 04-July 08 – 6:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.

San Rafael Parish Church, Legaspi City
July 02 – 6:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.
July 03 – 6:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.
July 04 – 9:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Loyola Memorial Chapels, Sucat (Montserrat)
July 02 – 6:30 P.M.
July 03 – 8:00 P.M.
July 04 – 6:30 P.M.
July 05 – 6:30 P.M.
Juy 06 – 2:00 P.M.

In Loving Memory

of the **FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY** of

FISCAL JOSE "PEPE" B. SARENAS

Of General Santos City & Cabanatuan City

who passed to eternal life
on July 3, 2004.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass shall be offered at the following churches:

St. Jude Parish Church, San Fernando City, La Union	11:00 AM
Carmelite Monastery, Pindangan, San Fernando City, La Union	7:00 AM
St. Francis Church, Mandaluyong	10:00 AM
Holy Family Church, Barrio Kapitolyo, Pasig	6:00 PM
Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, General Santos City	8:15 AM

The Department of National Defense
officials and personnel
condole with the family of

COL. ELMA C. ALDEA (RET)

Administrator, Office of Civil Defense

who joined her Creator on 30 June 2005 at the age of 59.

Her body lies in state at the Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo
Mortuary (beside St. Ignatius Cathedral)
Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
John 14:6

Join us in bridging Mama,

MONINA "Nina" CASTAÑEDA-ENCARNACION

to our Lord Jesus.
She was brought together with her Maker
and our Papa "Noring" on 1 July 2005.

We, her children, **Mazie** and **Steve Armstrong, Benjie** and **CB, Lala** and **Edmon Liao, Christine** and **Bryan Walston, Angie, Jay** and **Carmela, Dea, Gemma, Deo,** and her grandchildren, **Lope, Carlos, Josh, Job, Jonas, Joseph, Karelle,** and **Khael,** request for prayers for the repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Funeraria Paz, Sucat, Parañaque.

Cremation will take place after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on 7 July 2005 at the Manila Memorial Park Crematorium, Sucat, Parañaque.

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Holcim Awards give emphasis on sustainable construction

LATE last year in Zurich, Switzerland, the Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction invited architects, engineers and other specialists in the construction industry to join the first ever Holcim Awards; a competition for innovative construction projects that meet the standards of sustainable construction. Within five months, 1500 projects from 118 countries were submitted to the foundation via a dedicated website. By the third quarter of this year the foundation will award the main prizes, namely, three recognition awards, and encouragement prizes in each of five geographic regions worldwide.

Reviewed by technical universities and assessed by independent juries, more than ninety percent of the submitted projects passed the formal check, leaving the expert juries a total of 1360 projects to evaluate. The competition is carried out in four languages. Half the entries are in English, a third in Spanish, and the remaining entries in Portuguese or French. The entries will be evaluated by independent jurors in close collaboration with the five partner universities of the Holcim Foundation: Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich), Switzerland; Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Boston, USA; Tongji University (TJU), Shanghai, China; University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil; and the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), Johannesburg, South Africa. Experts at these universities are currently conducting preliminary reviews of the entries for the juries sessions that will last several days. The Holcim Awards competition is being led by the Technical Competence Center of the Holcim Foundation at the ETH Zurich. This committee consists of professors in architecture and engineering from the partner universities.

One objective of the Holcim Foundation is to recognize and support innovative, future-oriented, and effective sustainable construction projects. Awards not only recognize and draw attention to excellence, they are a proven way to encourage and inspire thinking beyond convention and exploration of new ways and means. The Holcim Awards recognize any contribution to sustainable construction - regardless of scale - in architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, civil and mechanical engineering, and related disciplines. When submitted, projects must be in an advanced design stage though prior to construction. In cooperation with its partner universities, the Holcim Foundation has defined five challenging target issues for sustainable construction. These are quantum change and transferability; ethical standards and social equity; ecological quality and energy conservation; economic performance and compatibility; and contextual response and aesthetic impact. These target issues serve as key criteria for judging the submitted projects.

The winners of the competition will be recognized in September and October 2005 at regional Awards ceremonies to be held in Beijing, Boston, Geneva, Johannesburg, and Rio de Janeiro. The prize money totals USD 220,000 per region. The three top projects from each region will automatically qualify for the global Holcim Awards competition in the second quarter of 2006 in Bangkok, in which prizes totaling USD 900,000 will be awarded. In this phase the Award winners will be selected by a jury of independent specialists representing all continents.

Holcim Awards is a competition of the Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction, based in Switzerland. The independent foundation is an initiative of Holcim Ltd, one of the world's leading suppliers of cement, aggregates, concrete, and construction-related services. The Holcim Group has companies and affiliates in more than 70 countries.

More information about the Holcim Awards competition including detailed evaluation criteria and composition of the regional juries can be found at www.holcimawards.org

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Central Country Estate Inc's president and CEO and NS Mangio and Associates' principal architect, Nestor S. Mangio is Professional Regulation Commission's 2005 Outstanding Professional in the field of Architecture. He was chosen for his landmark contributions in the conversion and development of the 4,450-hectare Clark Special Economic Zone and his pivotal role in the planning of Fort Bonifacio, the flagship project of the Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation; for his creative and innovative work as chair of the Committee for Infrastructure and ad hoc committee of the entertainment and casino projects of the bases Conversion and Development Authority and the Clark Development Corporation; for his expertise in design programming, financial analysis and physical planning as chair of the Government Center Project; for his pioneering efforts in the 'design build' services for architects; and for exemplifying the highest professional standards in the practice of architecture having obtained the 'AAA' license in construction industry, property development, real estate, hotel and hauling services. The awards night was held Monday at the Manila Hotel. Mangio delivered the response on behalf of the awardees.

It's time for 'The Great Outdoor Escape'

YOUNG, talented and up and coming personalities are set to experience "The Great Outdoor Escape" adventure and experience the "No Boundaries" lifestyle with the Ford Escape. With P30,000 pocket money, a full tank, and the whole weekend, talents Jinno Rufino, Rovilson Fernandez and Monica Llamas will take the Ford Escape on a ride and test the vehicle's capabilities in scenic Subic, Zambales and Ilocos Norte.

The Ford Escape has a spacious interior and a good cargo capacity loaded with functional and convenient features, which combines sports and utility to superb effect-truly the perfect vehicle for the participants of this challenge.

Mechanics of the game are simple: Jinno, Rovilson, and Monica must complete a journey of 1,000 kilometers and test the capabilities of the vehicle through outdoor, tough, rough or paved roads. The exciting activity not only ends there but they also have to redefine the "No Boundaries" lifestyle and test their ability to overcome their "fear factor."

The Ford Escape is also big on capability and comfort. It is a complete 100 percent SUV vehicle offering a smooth, pleasant-sounding ride with low noise and vibration, which the participants will truly enjoy despite their long-drive in Ilocos Norte. And, whether you're driving or occupying the passenger or back seat, you can experience the safety and convenience of the superior performance of the Ford Escape due to its four-speed automatic transmission that provides even smoother shifting performance.

For sure the participants won't go over their budgets with the vehicle's fuel economy feature, and won't worry about its maintenance because of the Ford Escape's excellent performance on wet, slippery roads and versatility for city and highway driving.

The Ford Escape is America's best-selling small size SUV and is manufactured at the Ford plant in Sta. Rosa, Laguna for export to Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.

The Great Outdoor Escape features model Jinno Rufino, host of SportsTV, SportsReport and Hotwire on Studio23; performing artist and model Monica Llamas; and Rovilson Fernandez, host, producer, scriptwriter of HotWire on Studio 23.

Learn more about their adventures on The Great Outdoor Escape TV Special to be aired over at Studio 23 today at 4:30 p.m.

The Great Outdoor Escape

Arc Worldwide Philippines bags international award

ARC WORLDWIDE Philippines, the marketing services agency aligned with Leo Burnett Worldwide, won third place in the direct mail standard (business) category for its "Cornflakes" package for Inquirer's Libre in the 27th John Caples International Awards held recently in New York City.

Chosen as the 3rd best among direct marketing entries from 44 countries, the "Cornflakes" package helped Libre reach more advertisers than expected.

Libre is the Philippine Daily Inquirer's tabloid distributed for free in Metro Rail Transit (MRT) and Light Rail Transit (LRT) stations every morning where it is picked up and read by low-income workers. With a significant number of daily circulation, Libre effectively reaches the masses more than other dailies.

Libre publishers partnered with Arc Worldwide to come up with the "Cornflakes" direct mail package with the advertising theme "Brain food first thing in the morning".

The package was presented as a box of cereals containing two samples of Libre, information on the creative freedom available to advertisers and a special 50-percent discount on full-color advertisements placed within the one-month promotional period.

Conceptualized and implemented by the Arc Worldwide creative group composed of executive creative director Raymond Legaspi, associate creative director Aina Remalante, art director Joan Mateo, and production managers Robert Perez and Rey Dantes, the direct mail package produced results that exceeded original expectations.

Now on its 27th year, the John Caples International Awards Inc is a not-for-profit corporation totally run by industry volunteers and funded by industry agencies, clients and suppliers.

Judged by over 100 top-level, working international creatives, it gives awards to individual members of the teams considered to have produced the most innovative solutions to real-time marketing challenges.

FROM left: Arc Worldwide executives Joan Mateo, art director; Robert Perez and Rey Dantes, production managers; Raymond Legaspi, executive creative director; and Aina Remalante, associate creative director.

BIR issues order to maintain status quo

IN DEFERENCE to the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) issued by the Supreme Court yesterday by a vote of 13-2, Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Commissioner Guillermo L. Parayno Jr issued Revenue Memorandum Circular (RMC) 30-2005 ordering the deferment of the implementation of Revenue Regulations No. (RR) 14-2005 and maintenance of the status quo by reverting the VAT (Value Added Tax) status of concerned taxpayers to their registration status prior to July 1, 2005.

The TRO, which was issued in the cases of Association of Pilipinas Shell Dealers, et. al. versus Secretary Cesar V. Purisima, et. al. (GR 168461) and Francis Joseph G. Escudero, et. al. versus Secreatary Cesar V. Purisima, et. al. (GR 168463) enjoins the BIR from enforcing and implementing Republic Act 9337, otherwise known as the "Expanded Value Added Tax Act of 2005," Revenue Regulations No. 14-2005 and/or any such other implementing rules and regulations.

In line with the TRO, all taxpayers shall (still) be liable for the taxes and the tax rates they were subject to prior to the effectivity of Republic Act 9337 on July 1, 2005 as emphasized by RMC 30-2005.

However, value-added taxes already collected and for which VAT invoice/receipt have been issued shall be declared in the monthly VAT declaration for the month pertaining thereto and remitted to the BIR on or before the deadline required for the filing thereof.

All non-VAT invoices/receipts which were stamped as VAT invoice in compliance with RR No. 14-2005 shall be re-stamped with the following words on the face of the invoice in red ink: "Non-VAT no input allowed." Furthermore, a line shall be drawn across the previously stamped words "VAT-registered." All those VAT taxpayers who become exempt from VAT under RA 9337, who has stamped their VAT invoice with the words "Non-VAT registered as of _______" shall draw a red line across the word "Non."

In the meantime, the BIR will continue its information dissemination drive on the new E-VAT Law. Officials of the agency hope that the issues about the law now raised at the Supreme Court will be settled immediately and the TRO be lifted for the immediate implementation of the law.

UST Commerce Batch '80 homecoming

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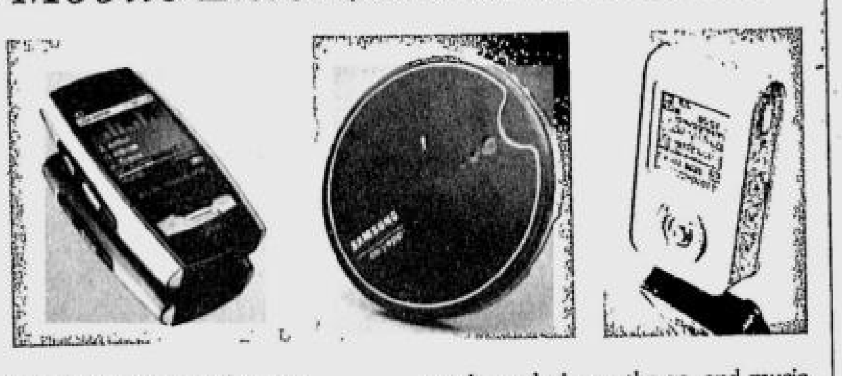

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OJTs do the rounds of the head office units to familiarize themselves with the 'goings-on' at each unit

A summer...

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lectures on vision, culture and values, the business of banking, service attitude, standards and best practices followed by actual exposure in the various units of iBank. They are then assigned to observe the operations in different branches and are eventually given hands-on experience.

After this preparatory stage, the trainees get to choose an iBank unit where they undergo on-the-job training in order to be tooled with the specialized skills unique to that unit.

"What sets our summer program apart is that we go beyond teaching our interns banking skills. We teach them a philosophy founded on integrity and a commitment to service excellence. These banking skills plus these values will serve them in good stead anywhere they eventually end up," explains Chanco.

According to Chanco, knowledge of the banking system is crucial because as these interns climb up the corporate ladder in a few years, they will have growing responsibilities related to finance.

"Even all the financial expertise in the world will be rendered useless if the person handling money matters does not have integrity. This is why we make sure that our interns come out of the program not only with skills but also values," Chanco stresses.

Chanco also notes that every company has customers. An early introduction to a corporate philosophy founded on service excellence drills into these impressionable young minds the true measure of corporate success—being able to meet and even exceed customer needs and expectations.

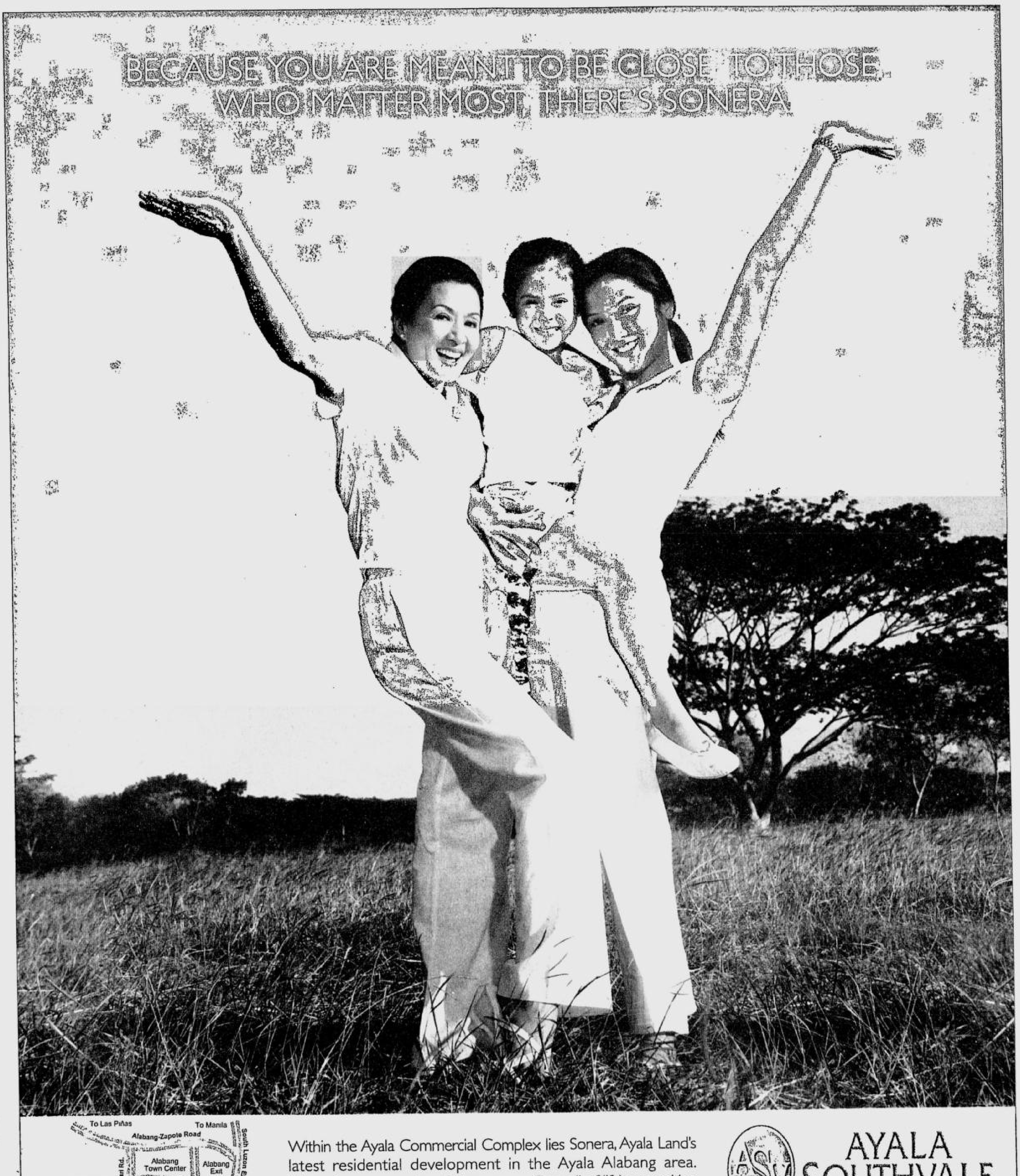
Straight to the top

From its infancy, this summer program was intended as a vehicle for iBank to make a moral contribution to society by educating future leaders, executives, businessmen, and entrepreneurs. In fact, iBank president and chief executive officer Ramon Sy was personally involved in conceptualizing and structuring the training program.

Sy's participation goes well beyond the planning face. At the end of the six-week program, he conducts an intimate tete-a-tete with all interns. He personally listens to them as they share their experiences and evaluate the program.

At the end of this year's summer training, Sy will have welcomed to his office a total of 345 students.

"We realize that these interns who go into our summer program are focused young men and women. Instead of just hanging out or loafing around, they have opted to use their free time this summer productively. It is for them, that iBank has put together a summer that they will surely remember," Chanco concludes.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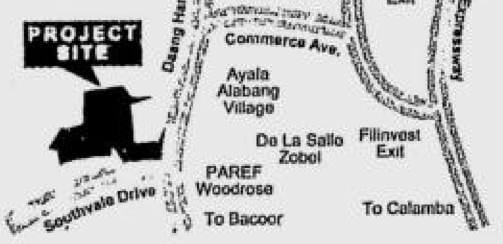

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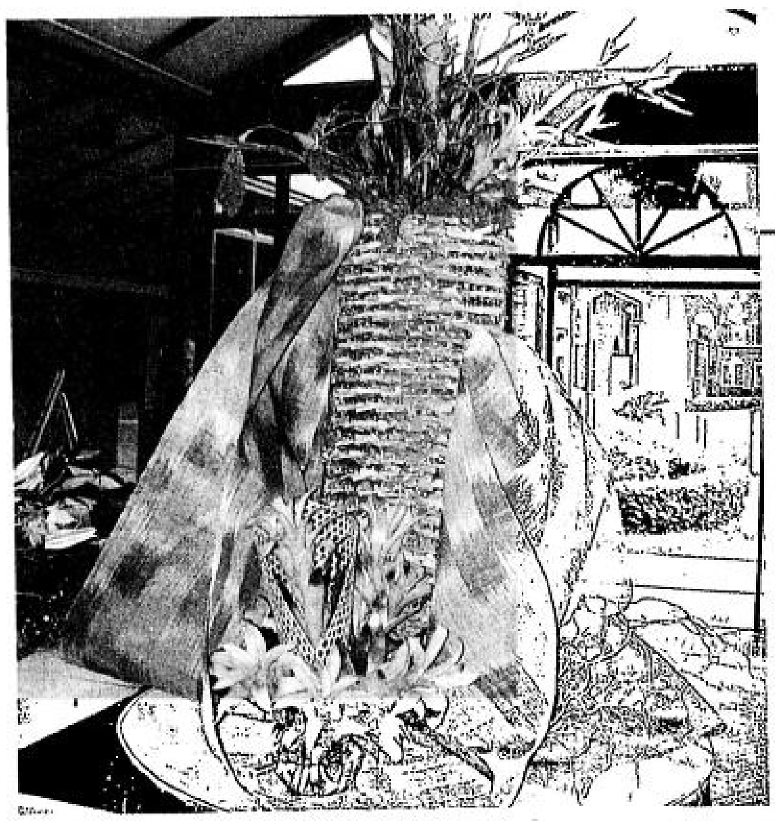

VIVID arrangement of orange bromeliad and birds-of-paradise, "wrapped" in checkered *sinamay*, is a festive greeting to show guests.

Flowering friendship

Stylist, jeweler and floral artist Rachy Cuna holds a multifarious show in China to mark 30 years of Manila-Beijing diplomatic relations

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CHEN Xiaoming (right), CPAFFC director general, admires a container of seagrass Rachy Cuna brought from the Philippines.

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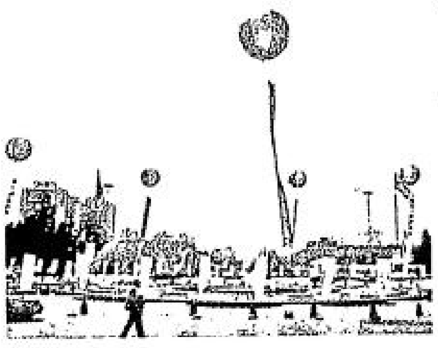

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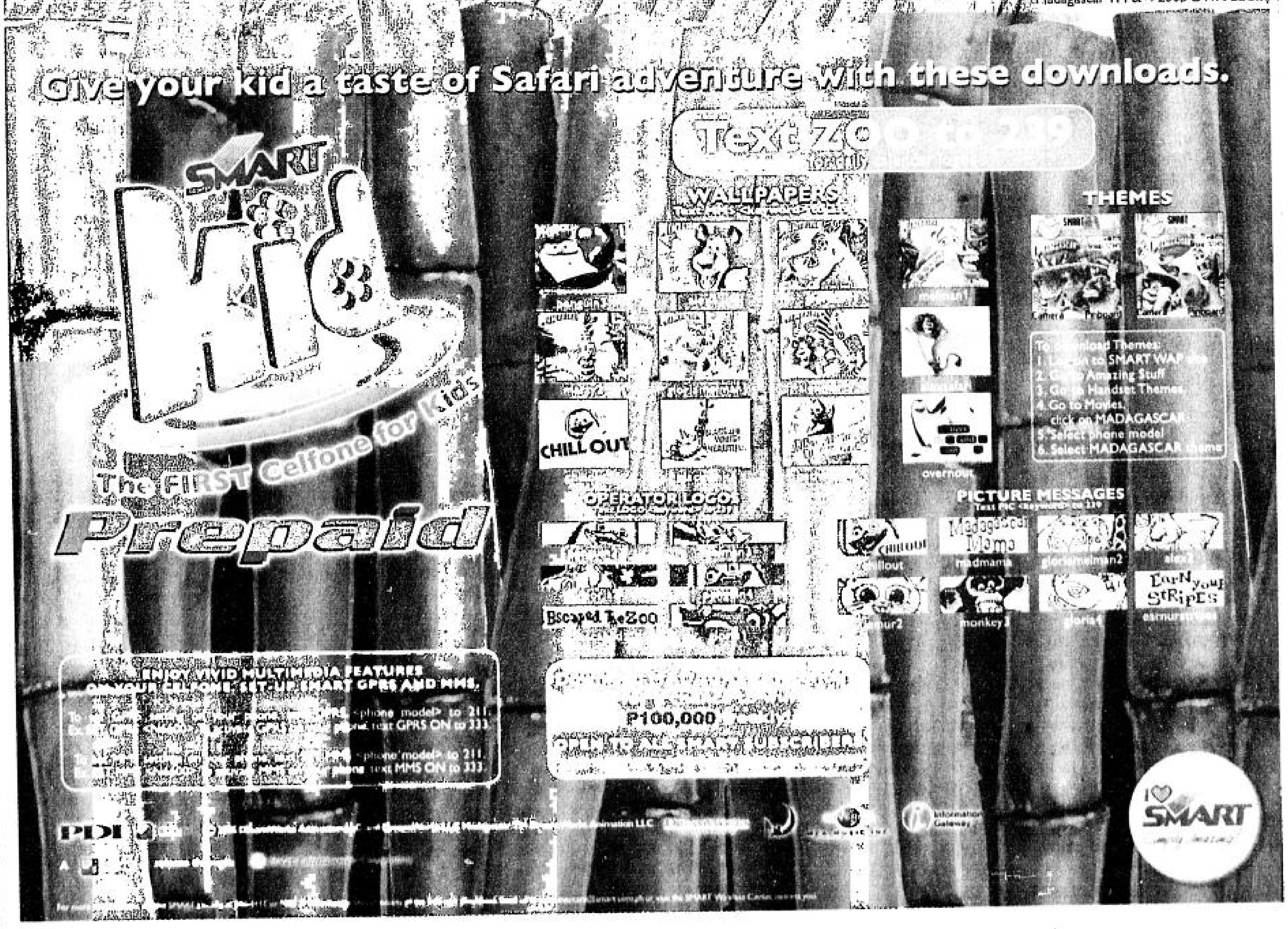

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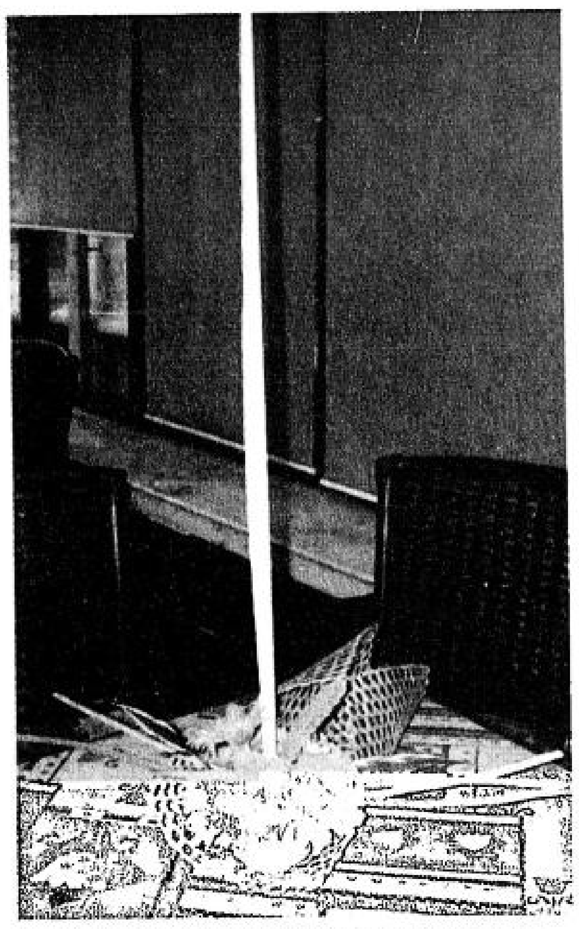
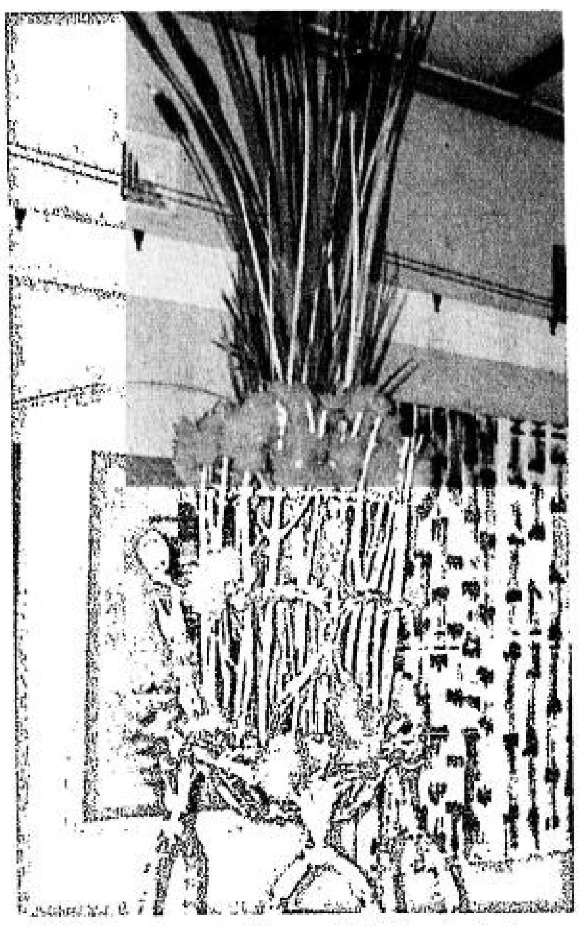
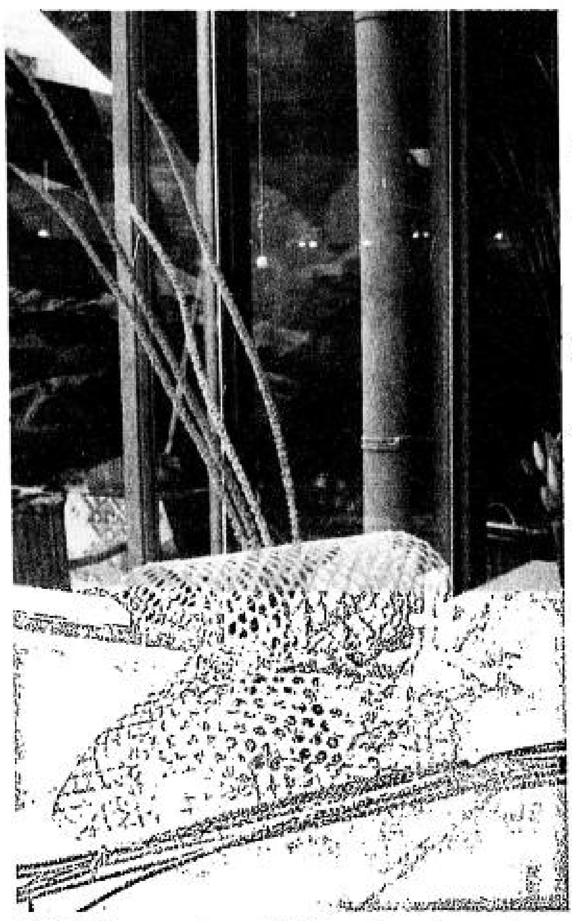


FOR table centerpiece, Cuna arranges gerberas in a low vase. A palm frond towers over the arrangement.



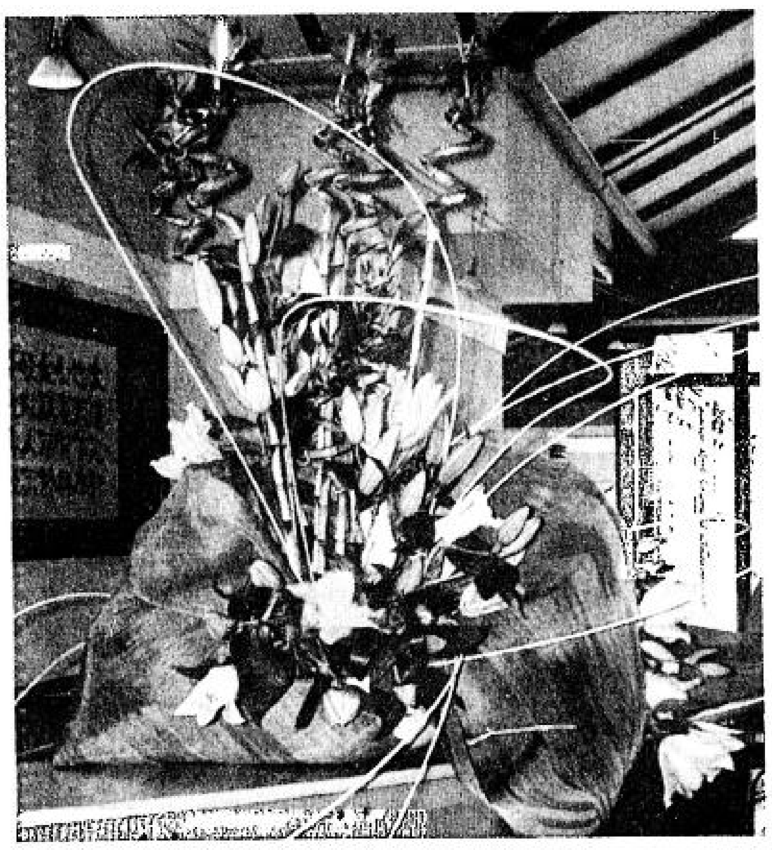
RED gerberas and tall leaves highlight the design of this container from the Philippines in the shape of humans joining hands in friendship.

TWO LOW vases feature different arrangements of lilium—one has tall leaves, the other curled palm fronds.

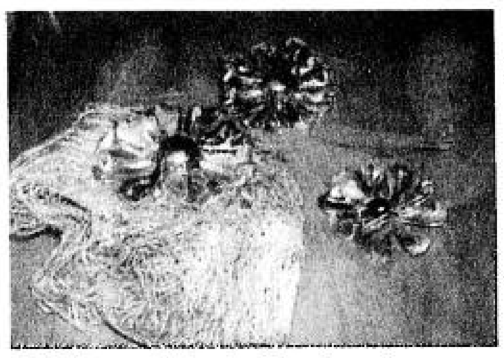


PINK liliums are "caught" in bamboo placemats in this simple arrangement with palm stalks for greens.

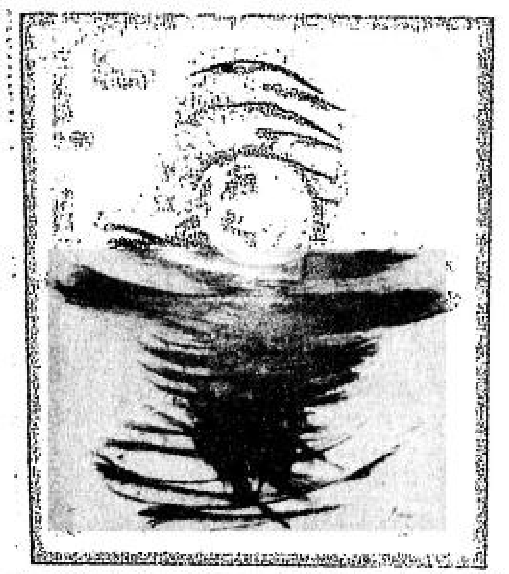
Flowering friendship



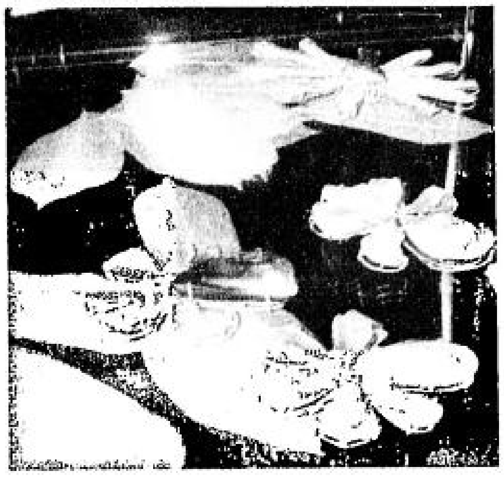
SINAMAY in shades of blue, purple and bright pink complements this arrangement of lilium and swirling rattan strips.



CUNA's new limited-edition brooches and earrings of mother-of-pearl and pearl debut in Beijing.



CUNA brings to Beijing 16 of his paintings and limited-edition jewerly pieces.



PHILIPPINE Ambassador Willy C. Gaa underscores the strength of RP-China ties.

Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido

IT was called "Journeast," but stylist/artist/master flower arranger Rachy Z. Cuna actually brought his show a little to the west of the Philippines.

Cuna's three-in-one show of paintings, floral arrangements and limited-edition jewelry was mounted at the exhibition hall of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) in Beijing to mark another milestone in China-Philippine relations—the 30th anniversary of the establishment of formal diplomatic ties between the two nations.

Cuna's exhibit was a joint effort of CPAFFC and the Association for Philippines-China Understanding (Apcu).

The opening of the five-day exhibit drew an enthusiastic and appreciative crowd that included several former Chinese ambassadors to the Philippines and former staff members of the country's embassy here and representatives of the Filipino community in Beijing led by Ambassador Willy C. Gaa.

During the show, Cuna premiered his latest one-of-a-kind designs for mother-of-pearl jewelry pieces—brooches in the shape of orchids and other flowers. The limited-edition collection will debut in Manila soon. Also exhibited were window-shaped mother-of-pearl brooches and cufflinks and gold rice-inspired items.

The 16 paintings were chosen pieces from Cuna's abstract works that first saw light at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila.

With unusual containers brought all the way from Manila, Cuna's sleight of hand that transformed bunches of flowers into virtual works of art awed even onlookers who watched him set up his exhibit. So impressed were the hosts that they want Cuna to return to Beijing at the first possible opportunity for a floral arrangement demonstration.

Proudly Pinoy

Cuna was in his elements, excited to work with such a wide variety of summer blooms—and reasonably priced, too (a dozen stems of lilium cost the equivalent of P350, the price of one stem in Manila)—from Beijing's flower market. As always, the stylist, who has a preference for things oriental in general and Filipino in particular, used the event to showcase with pride Philippine products that he lugged all the way to Beijing. He put his arrangements of gerberas, bird of paradise, lilium, coconut palm fronds, bamboo stalks and other blooms and greens in containers made of rattan, seagrass and other Philippine materials.

Adding more color and drama to his creations were swaths of *sinamay*, fossilized leaves and bamboo placemats.

During the opening ceremonies, speakers underscored the close ties between the two countries that began way before the West landed on Philippine shores. Chen Haosu, CPAFFC president, said the exhibit "shows the magic and beauty of eastern culture and way of life." He was effusive in his praise of the guest artist, noting that the flower arrangements "were done [a day] after (Cuna's) arrival" in the capital. The occasion, he added, served to promote "closer ties (between the two nations) through arts and culture."

CHEN Haosu, CPAFFC president, and Cuna

Gaa underscored the important roles the CPAFFC and Apcu "play in promoting friendship and understanding between Filipino and Chinese peoples." He said the exhibit advanced CPAFFC's goal "to enhance friendship, promote international cooperation, maintain world peace and advance common development."

The ambassador added that Cuna's exhibit "gives... a sample of the many facets of Philippine culture, but also showcases the intermingling of Philippine and Chinese cultures."

Josie Joya Baldovino, Apcu president, pointed out that the association, organized in 1971, actually predated the establishment of formal relations between the two governments in 1975.

Cuna, Apcu's vice chair for international affairs, said he was glad to show a little of the Philippines through the exhibit. He explained his choice of material for the jewelry exhibit, saying pearl was the symbol of a 30th anniversary.

At the reception that followed the opening ceremonies, speakers again extolled the strength of RP-China relations that spanned over a millennium. These ties, they noted, were evident in various areas like trade, culture, tradition and the arts. Gaa said RP-China relations had now entered the Golden Age and new avenues of cooperation had opened, including defense and security.

Aside from Baldovino and Cuna, the Apcu delegation to Beijing also included Butch Lee, director, who was accompanied by wife Vicky and daughter Adrienne; Virginia Mata, secretary general; Ken Esguerra, senior curator of the Ayala Museum; Joffre Alajar, a San Beda College professor; Albert Almendralejo, events organizer/producer, and his assistant Gabby Jose; journalists Arnel Patawaran and Hector Reyes; and Pacita Z. Cuna and Lily Cuna, the artist's mother and aunt, respectively.

WOMEN in traditional Chinese costumes hold ceremonial ribbon for the opening of "Journeast."

Recycling waste water

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

AS ENVIRONMENTALIST lawyer Antonio Oposa Jr. puts it, "God has provided man with everything he needs on earth. All he needs to do is look around him to find them."

But to find those things, humans must learn to conserve and protect nature, not dispose and destroy. As an example of this down-home dictum, Oposa cites our water supply and sanitation problems which are becoming more urgent every day.

He speaks of digging holes in one's own yard and channeling household and bathroom water into them. The water is purified in a few simple steps, with bacteria and other friendly organisms acting on the water making it clean enough for reuse in the household. By the time the water gets to the last hole or catch basin, it can be reused for watering plants, cleaning the house and, possibly, even for drinking.

Of course, there is some engineering technology involved, but this is simple and doable regardless of one's financial circumstances.

Unbelievable?

I did think it was too simple to be true when I first heard of it but Oposa has never talked through his hat. True enough, I met later people from two nongovernment organizations (actually one NGO and, the other, a non-profit organization) involved in waste water treatment and sanitation services.

At present, the services are geared for urban poor communities where they are most needed, but the technology works just as well, they say, in all sorts of conditions and locations. The two NGOs, the Philippine Center for Water and Sanitation (PCWS) and Borda (Bremen Overseas Research Development Association), network with each other and are supported by a German environmental group.

Together they established the Community-based Sanitation-Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems project. Borda, the non-profit agency, supplies the technology, while PCWS, the NGO, takes care of public information, advocacy, research, training and direct project activities. Their services take them to where they are needed. One expects that, these days, they would be needed everywhere.

Not high-tech

The technology they offer, they say, is not high-tech at all. It does not need heavy equipment or sophisticated operations. It merely requires the construction of what would be equivalent to Oposa's "holes" but which the NGOs refer to as "compartments" made of cement to prevent leakage or seepage.

The technology, they claim, is easy to understand, easy to do and not expensive. It is already being used in India and China.

In the simplest terms, the technology involves channeling household wastewater into what is called "baffled up-flow reactor," a series of compartments where the pollutants react with natural and beneficial bacteria so that, as the pollutants decompose, the filtered water gets cleaner.

The number of compartments needed for this purification process depends on the amount of wastewater drained into the reactor. By the time the filtered water reaches the last compartment, it has achieved a level of purity acceptable for household cleaning, washing, watering of plants and flushing. In other words, used water has been recycled.

This system can be constructed wherever convenient to the community or homeowners, giving it a custom-designed edge. In examples given, the system was set up just beneath street level, like beside a house or underground, as in a driveway. In most cases, a catch pond will be a necessary adjunct to a reactor. It can be made more efficient and attractive by growing plants around it.

Needed

It is necessary to generate interest in this wastewater and sanitation technology to meet the needs identified in the United Nations Millenium Development Goals for Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation. Common sense should tell us this technology could be what we need to ensure safe water at all times.

Contact person for PCWS is Lyn N. Capistrano, executive director; and for Borda, Rodolfo E. Coronel, program officer. Both have offices in Minnesota Mansions, 267 Ermin Garcia St., QC. Call 9120531 or fax 9130806.

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The little-known sweet flag

By Serapion S. Metilla
Contributor

GREEN TIPS

SWEET flag, *Acorus calamus* and a member of the Araceae family, is one of the important herbs used in China, India and Europe even during the 16th century.

Locally called Lubigan, it is now found in Eurasia, North America. Northern regions of the tropics are already propagating many natural varieties.

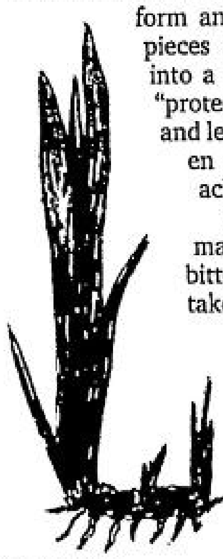
Sweet flag grows vegetatively by its rhizome (subterranean root stem), in shallow marshes, watery or muddy places. The leaves grow upright up to 1-½ to 2 ft high. They are glossy, light green, flat, thin and sword-like in appearance about an inch or more wide.

In the Philippines, the sweet flag is not known for its culinary attributes. It is more often used to protect a child from evil spirits that comments from strangers might invite—something more tangible than just saying "puera usog" in Tagalog or "puera buyag" in Bisaya.

A matured rhizome is peeled to a round form and dried. Two or more pieces are threaded together into a wrist or waist band to "protect" a child. The roots and leaves are boiled and taken as tea to cure stomachache.

Having a sharp, aromatic scent and somewhat bitter and spicy, it is best taken in small quantities. The thick rhizomes have to be peeled and dried so they can be stored for future use.

Sweet flag has many uses. Fresh rhizome can be made into candies or used in cordial liqueurs, fruit soups and sauces; sweet dishes and petit fours; wine sauces for chicken, stewed apples and pears; brandies, teas, red cabbage and other vegetables. It may also be added to ginger, mace or cinnamon.


SWEET flag,
Acorus calamus

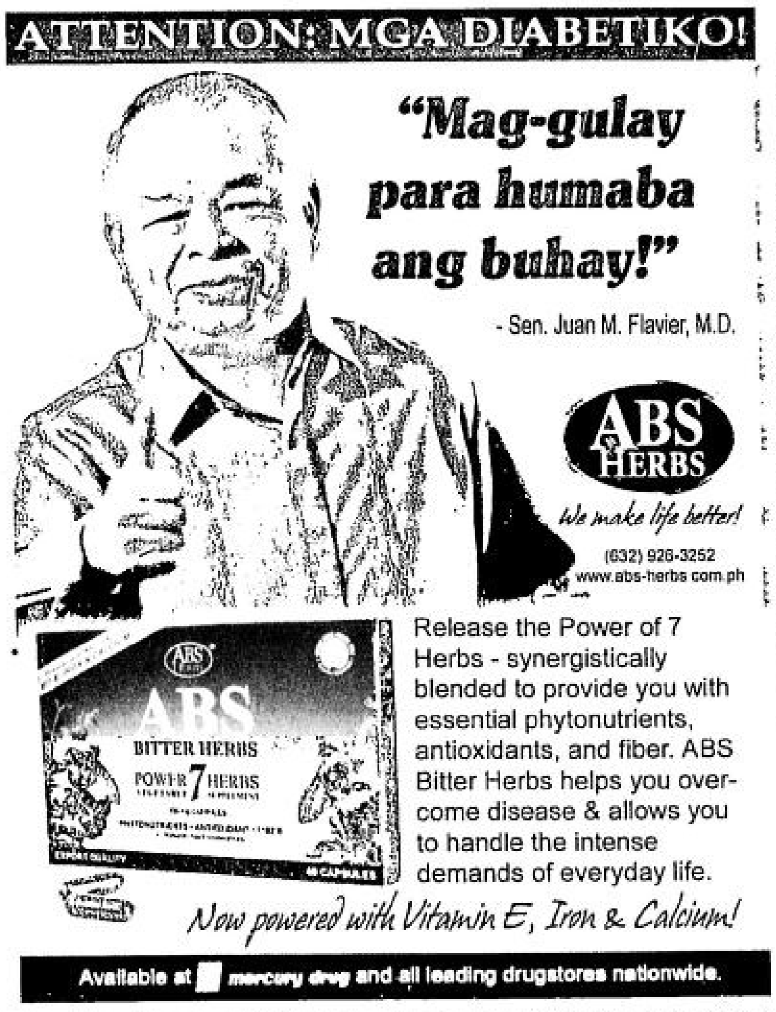
Young shoots can be used in a salad to stimulate appetite.

The rhizomes contain a volatile but aromatic oil, sugars, choline, mucilage, Vitamin C and other substances. It is believed to be effective in treating digestive disorders, abdominal pains, flatulence and poor appetite, and also aids metabolism.

Sweet flag can be easily propagated by division of rhizomes. If potted, the container should have no drainage holes so water is kept longer.

For potting medium, use one part river sand, one part garden soil, one part coco coir dust and one part rice hull. When the plant is established, put it in partial to full sunny location.

For more about sweet flag, contact author at 9394593 or 4352479.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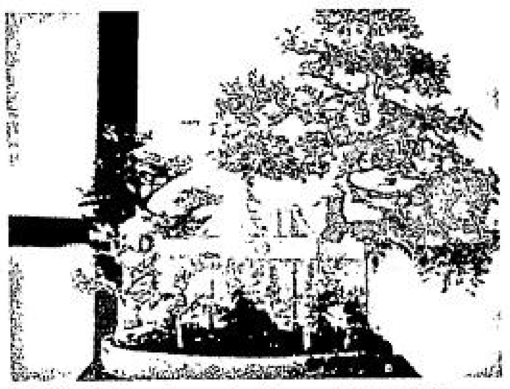

CANDLE tree bonsai with an Intramuros landmark

Seminar on bonsai, Ikebana

A SEMINAR-WORKSHOP on bonsai-making for business and pleasure will be conducted by Ikebana professor and plant art expert Serapion S. Metilla 1-6 p.m., July 15-17, Mett's Plant Art, King Louis Garden Center, Seedling Bank Environmental Center, corner EDSA and Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

Topics to be discussed are: Day one— Identification of plants and other materials, tools, containers, potting medium and other accessories. Hands-on session will be on shaping, wiring, pruning and potting. Day two—Knowing the different styles, various techniques of plant propagation and sourcing of plant and other materials with hands-on on marcoting and grafting. Day three—Knowing the various techniques of rock-clasping, forest styles, and bonsai-saikei.

All materials will be provided inclusive of a pair of pruning scissors, plant, aluminum wires, bonsai pot, potting medium, sphagnum moss and strings, among others. Fee includes snacks, handouts and certificates.

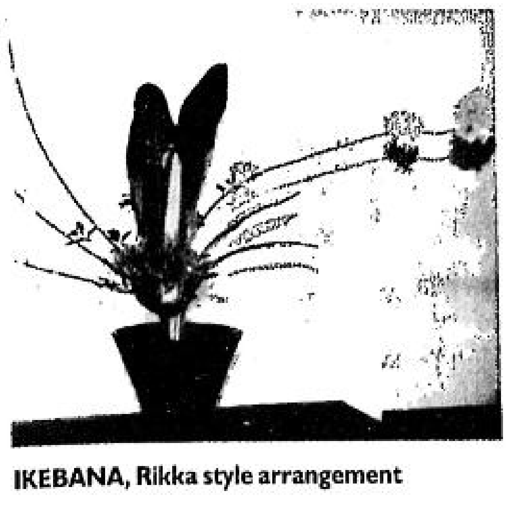
Metilla, who is also an Ikebana professor, will teach flower arrangement for recreation and relaxation 1-6 p.m., July 20-24, at Mett's Plant Art, King Louis Garden Center, Seedling Bank corner Edsa and Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

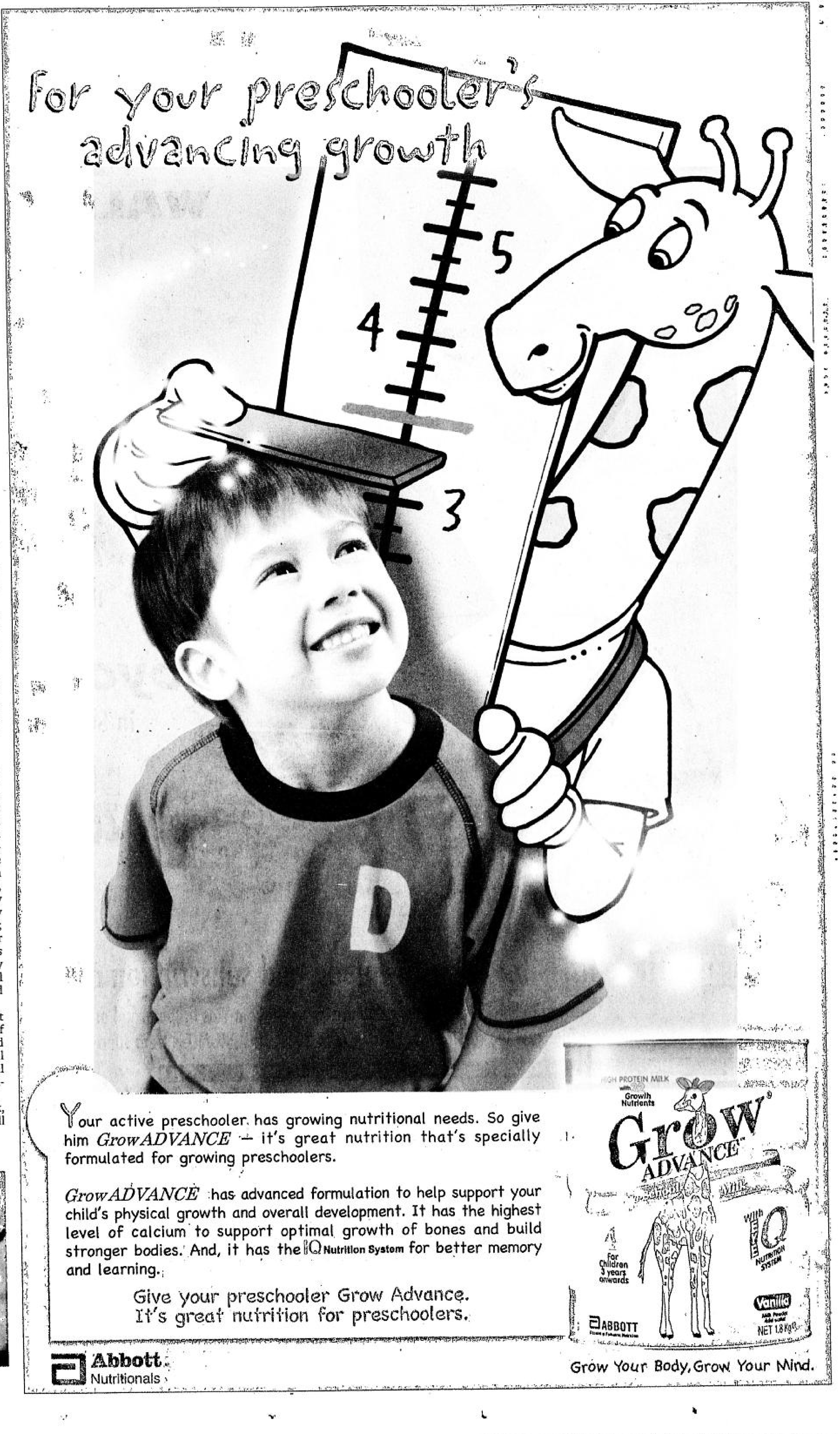
Daily activities include the following:

Day one—Knowing Ikebana and its various styles, materials used, tools, containers, techniques of conserving the vase life of cut flowers and choosing the right styles for the right occasion with hands-on on basic moribana and shoka style. Day two—Western style with hands-on on all-around or one-sided and L-shape. Day three—Another Western style with hands-on on crescent shape and Hogarth line and discussion on flower shop operation, sourcing of materials and costing. Day four—Hands-on on free styles, buffet or party centerpieces and garland (swag) making; demonstration on bird, *puso* and grasshopper weaving using coconut leaves as accessories for parties and other special occasions. Day five—Hands-on on corsage-making, bridal bouquet and other wedding ensembles and awarding of certificate.

Those interested should register at least three days in advance for the preparation of materials. All participants will be provided with a pair of scissors, flower vases, floral foams, flowers, foliage, floral wires, floral tapes and ribbons, among others. Fee includes snacks, hand-outs and certificate.

Register at the Flower Mart, Seedling Bank, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., on or before July 17. Call 9394593,4352479 or 0917-8321352.


IKEBANA, Rikka style arrangement



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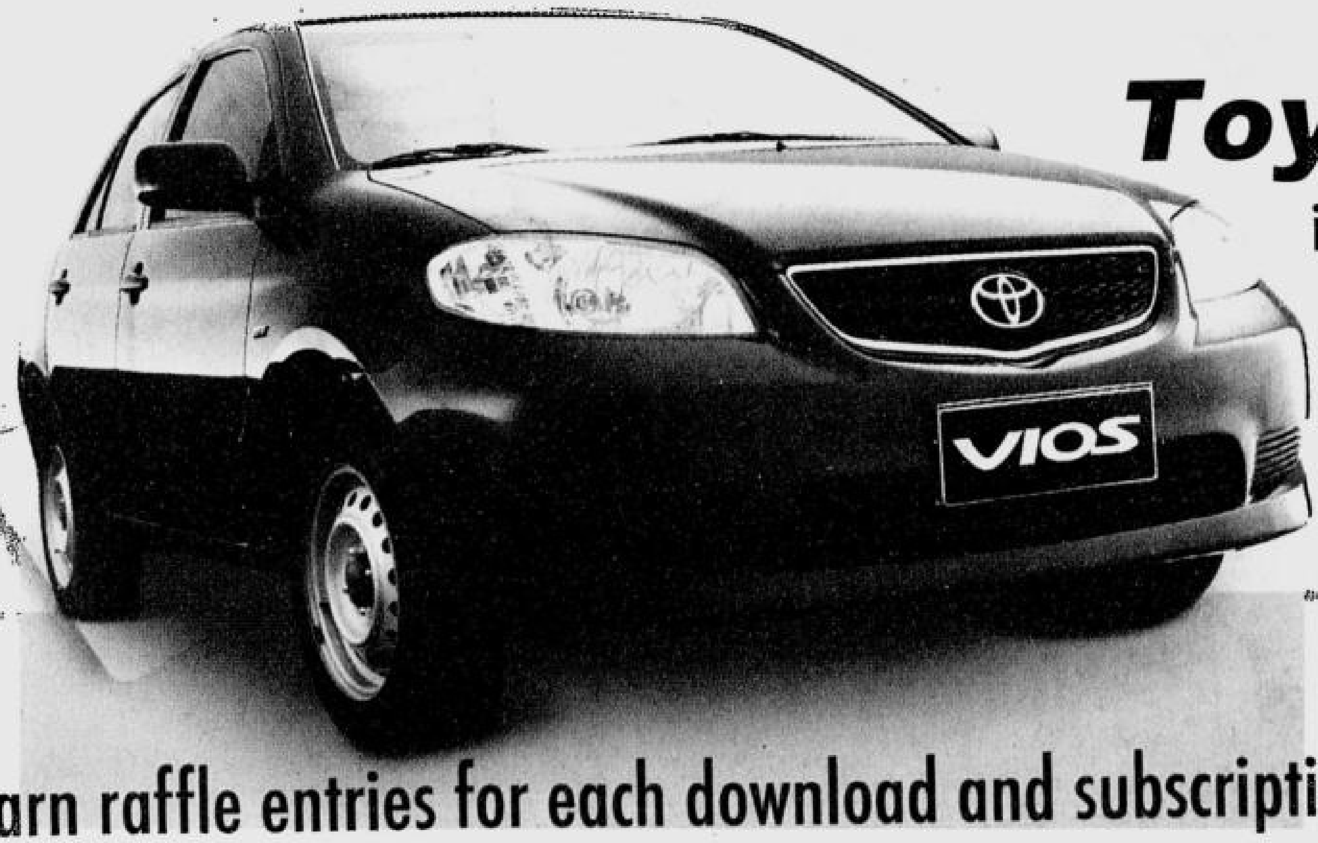

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JP ABINUMAN in illusion tulle wrap sleeves and beaded corset top in platinum white

Memories are made of these

FASHION designer Eddie Baddeo recently showcased his latest collection for brides and their little attendants—flower girls and ring bearers—at the Centennial Hall of Manila Hotel.

In "The Bride's Walk," Baddeo presented designs that let every bride's personality shine through.

The designer believes every woman's wedding is her time to shine. With the spotlight trained on her, she should be surrounded by things inspired by true love and romance. Everything must be beautiful and luxurious for

MEMORIES/ D2

RING bearer Vince Justinn Almeda Sia in *jusi* barong Tagalog

FLOWER girl Kamil Medina Tagle in mauve frosted silk draping bodice gown

New Tips for Friedelicious Dips!

The Pintados Festival at Tacloban City was the latest stop of the Lady's Choice Food Trip. No less than Tacloban Mayor Alfred "Bejo" Romualdez became "friedeliciously creative" with his concoction of "Mango Orange Mayo Dip" with fried hasa hasa.

Being a foodie brings out the best in people as has been seen in the many fiesta stops that the Lady's Choice Food Trip has been: Quezon, Batangas, Cebu, Davao and Cagayan.

The joy of eating popular fried food is heightened by experimenting on different mayo dips to go with it.

HERE ARE SOME NEW DIP TIPS!
Chili garlic dip or carabao's milk and basil dip as lechon "partner." Or two-cheese spread with dried fish as dip for crackers and pica-pica. For main course, try pesto cream dip with herb-crusted fried fish fillet or chicken croquettas with hoisin cream sauce.

With the Department of Tourism as partner, Lady's Choice has joined the frolicking at fiestas around the country, cooking up creative ways of enjoying those crispy, tasty friedelicious dishes with Lady's Choice Mayo. At each fiesta, townsfolk are discovering that mayo dips for favorite fried foods can have more perk with just a little innovation.

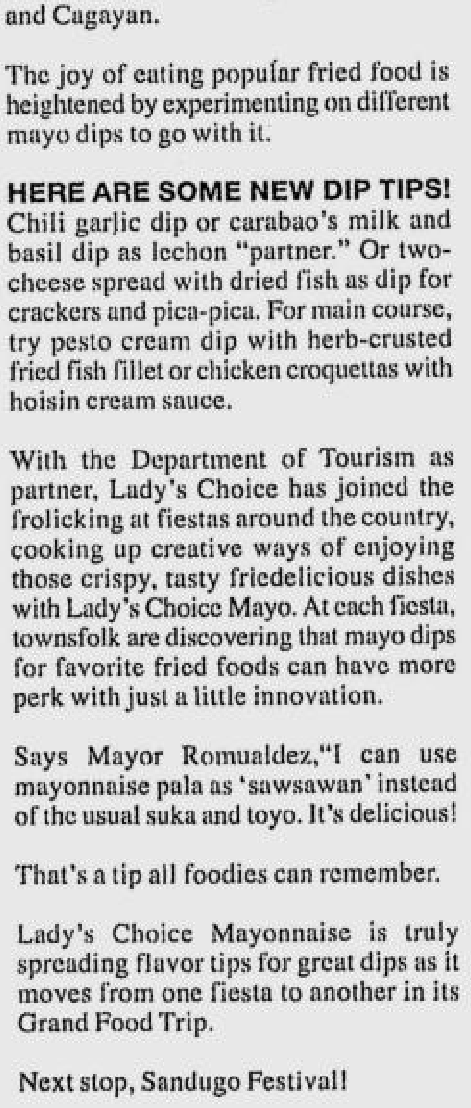
Says Mayor Romualdez,"I can use mayonnaise pala as 'sawsawan' instead of the usual suka and toyo. It's delicious!

That's a tip all foodies can remember.

Lady's Choice Mayonnaise is truly spreading flavor tips for great dips as it moves from one fiesta to another in its Grand Food Trip.

Next stop, Sandugo Festival!

Mayor Alfredo "Bejo" Romualdez Sr. gets creatively friedelicious with Lady's Choice Mayonnaise



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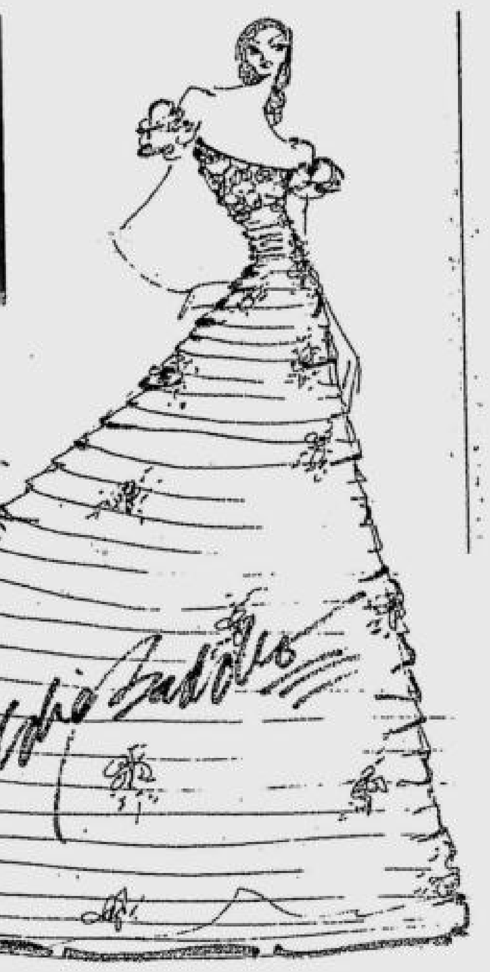
ZAPLAN DEBUT

Jaene Kamill P. Zaplan, daughter of **Victor** and **Gaudencia (nee Platon) Zaplan**, recently celebrated her 18th birthday at Acropolis Green Clubhouse, Libis, Quezon City. She is a second year Mass Communication student at St. Scholastica's College, Manila. The debutante and her entourage wore gowns by **Paul Rex Mateo** of The Wedding Day.

CORTEZ DEBUT

Kezia Monique Cortez, daughter of **Almer** and **Monique (nee Huertas) Cortez**, recently celebrated her 18th birthday at Ilustrado, Intramuros, Manila. She is a junior at De La Salle University. Cortez wore a ballgown in turquoise Swiss organza with a bodice embellished with cut beads and Swarovski crystals designed by **Jessie D. Sevilla**.



TAMAYO DEBUT

Jenny Lyn Ann Cabato Tamayo, eldest daughter of **Amado** and **Milagros Tamayo**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance on July 9 at Gazebo Royale in QC. The sophomore commerce student at University of Santo Tomas will wear an **Eddie Baddeo** monochromatic straw-yellow gown in silk gazar and Swiss lace with bubble-sleeved lace top and horizontal draping pleats adorned with caviar and sugar beads.

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25 "The Ref" star Leary
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40 A Brady girl had to get window glass?
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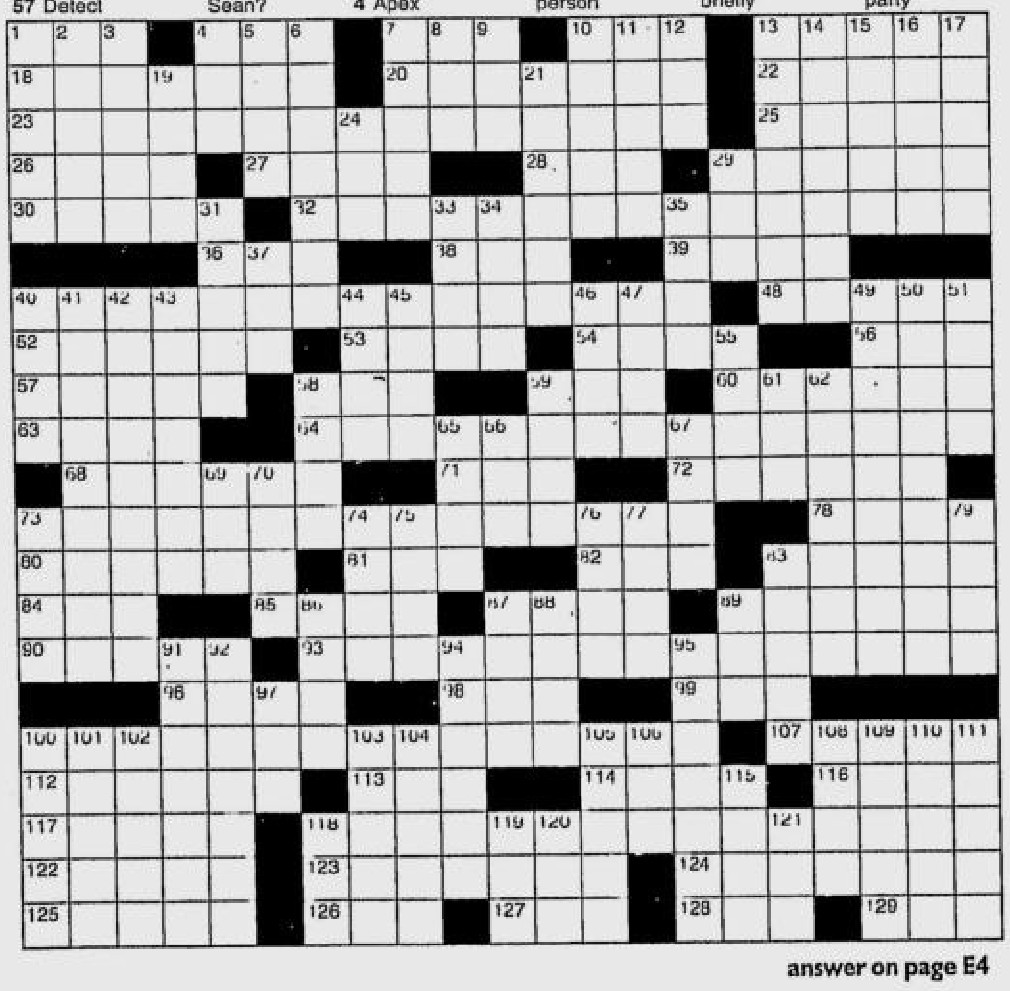

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TRACY Anne Muralla in a modern Victorian-inspired gown in lace and duchess satin

KUKU Trinidad in opera coat with detachable train accented with big cabbage rose

Memories are made . . .

From page D1

creating lasting memories to cherish forever.

Baddeo has helped turn lifetime dreams into reality for many women, dressing up brides and her entourage.

"The Bride's Walk" was sponsored by Marife Argana Espeleta and Vice Mayor Lourdes Cataquiz of Sampaguita Savings Bank, Inc., San Pedro, Laguna. It was produced by Blessed Concepts Production under the direction of Raymond Villanueva. Styling was done by Eric Maningat of Studio 546.

Part of the proceeds of the show would be for the benefit of street children under the care of Kanlungan Homes in Malate.

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MODELS: (BRIDES) KUKU TRINIDAD, GRACE TAGLE, JP ABINUMAN AND TRACY ANNE MURALLA, (FLOWER GIRLS) KRISHA MAE ALMEDA SIA AND KAMIL MEDINA TAGLE; (RING BEARER) VINCE JUSTINN ALMEDA SIA

GRACE Tagle in stylized *panuelo* gown with detachable sleeves

FLOWER girl Krisha Mae Almeda Sia in tangerine frosted silk draping bodice

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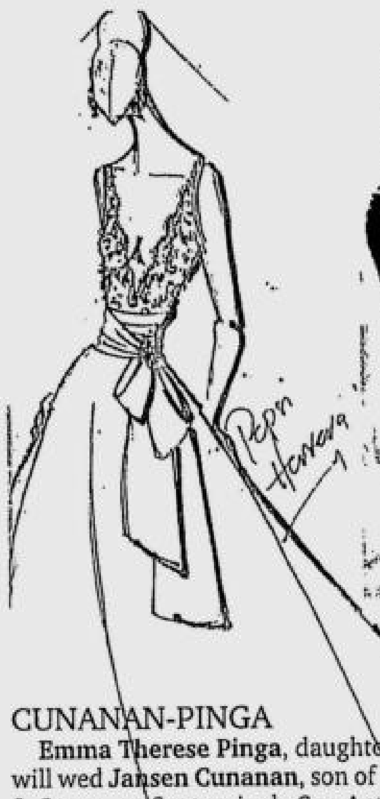


CUNANAN-PINGA

Emma Therese Pinga, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Emmanuel Pinga**, will wed **Jansen Cunanan**, son of Mr. and Ms **Jose Cunanan**, on Aug. 8, 3 p.m., at Santuario de San Antonio Parish in Forbes Park, Makati. Reception will be held at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

The bride's gown was designed by **Pepsie Herrera**. **Fr. Gerry Orbos, SVD**, will officiate.

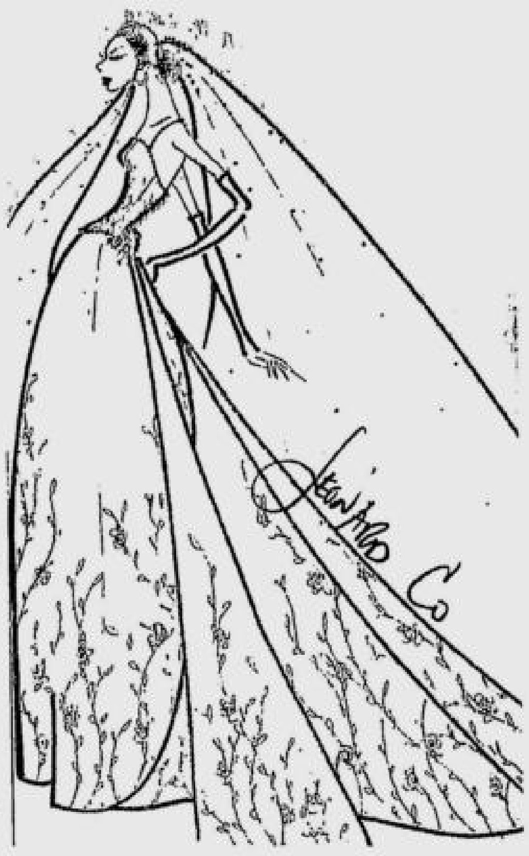
ILAGAN-ESCAPA

Jericho Ilagan and **MaiMai Escapa** had a garden wedding recently at the Coconut Palace. The bride and her entourage wore gowns designed by **Paul Rex Mateo** of The Wedding Day in Cavite and Makati.

TORRES-BERONES

Dennis Torres, son of **Ramon** and **Herminia Torres** wed **Emma Tana Berones**, daughter of **Eliseo Berones Sr.** recently at Immaculate Conception Cathedral.

The bride wore a white duchess sateen with matte gold organdy embroidered in dainty cascading ferns of 3 meters train beaded in gold and silver glass beads designed by **Leonard Co.**



LESNICK-DREHER

Sky Compton Lesnick, son of **David Woodsfellow** and **Anne Mcallister**, and **Sheila Intalan Dreher**, daughter of **Gottfried Dreher** and **Liza Intalan**, were recently married at the San Agustin Church, Manila. Reception with dinner-dance followed at the Manila Polo Club,Makati.

RIGOR-LIWANAG

Shieren John D. Rigor, son of engineer **Efren** and **Zosima Rigor**, wed **Nina Andrea Liwanag**, daughter of **Vladimir** and **Susan Liwanag**, on June 17 at Santuario de San Antonio in Makati City. Reception followed at the Rigodon Ballroom of The Peninsula Manila. The bride wore a gown by **Paul Cabral** and the couple's wedding coordinator was **Rita Neri**.

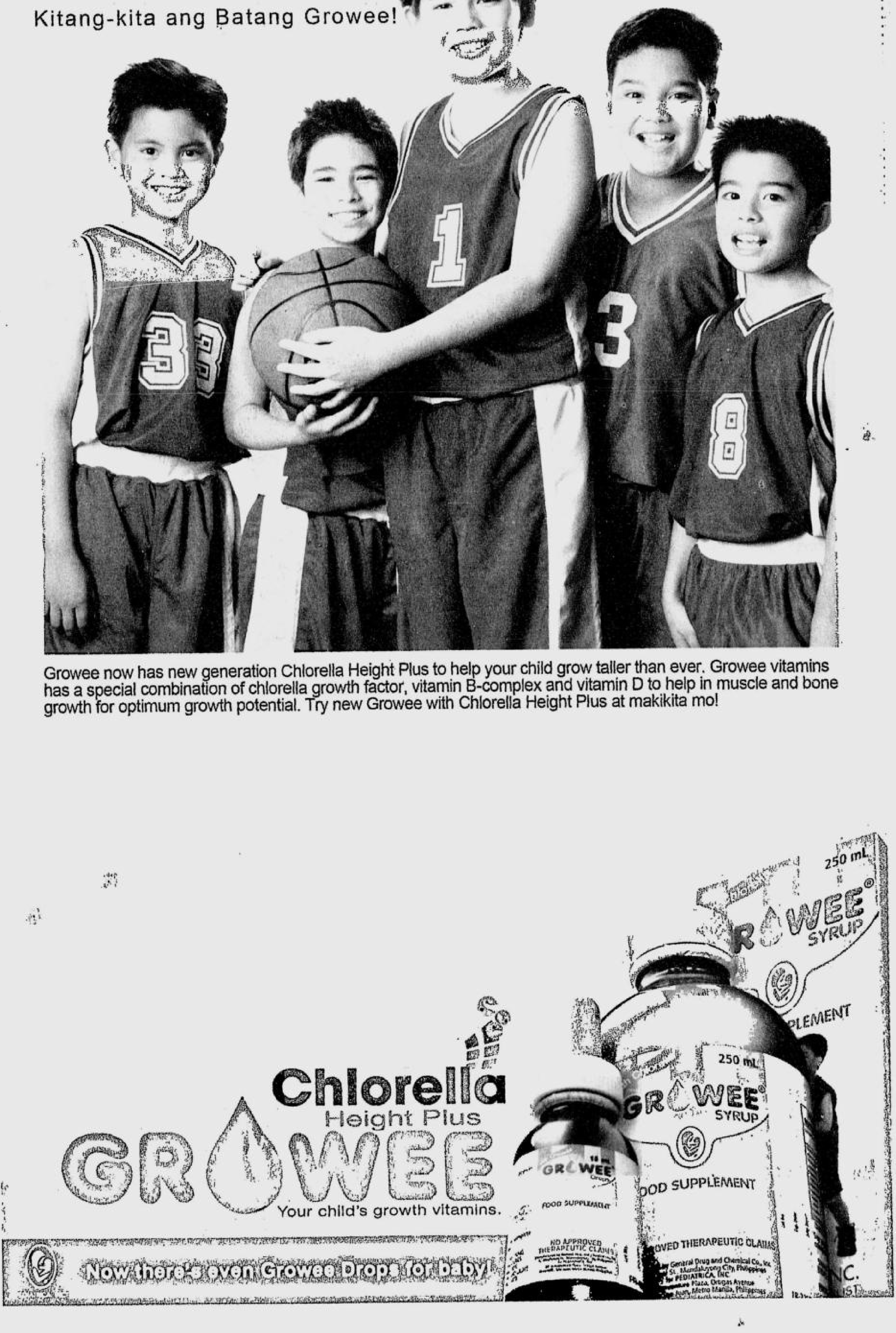
MACABALE ANNIVERSARY

Tony and **Rosie Macabale** celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last June 6 with a nuptial Mass held at the Manila Cathedral and a dinner reception at the Manila Hotel. The bride wore a heavily beaded, hand-embroidered *piña* gown by **Patis Tesoro.**

SALAZAR-SAMPULNA

Prince **Andree Sinsuat Salazar**, son of Datu **Bisma** and Prof. Bai **Sahara Salazar**, married recently **Ivory Jane Oliveros Sampulna**, daughter of Datu **Dante Salem** and **Bai Elizabeth Sampulna Mangansakan**, at the Estosan Garden Hotel, Cotabato City. The couple both have degrees in Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the Notre Dame University. **Melissa Agaddi** of Fely's House of Fashion did the bride's gown.

Kitang-kita ang Batang Growee!



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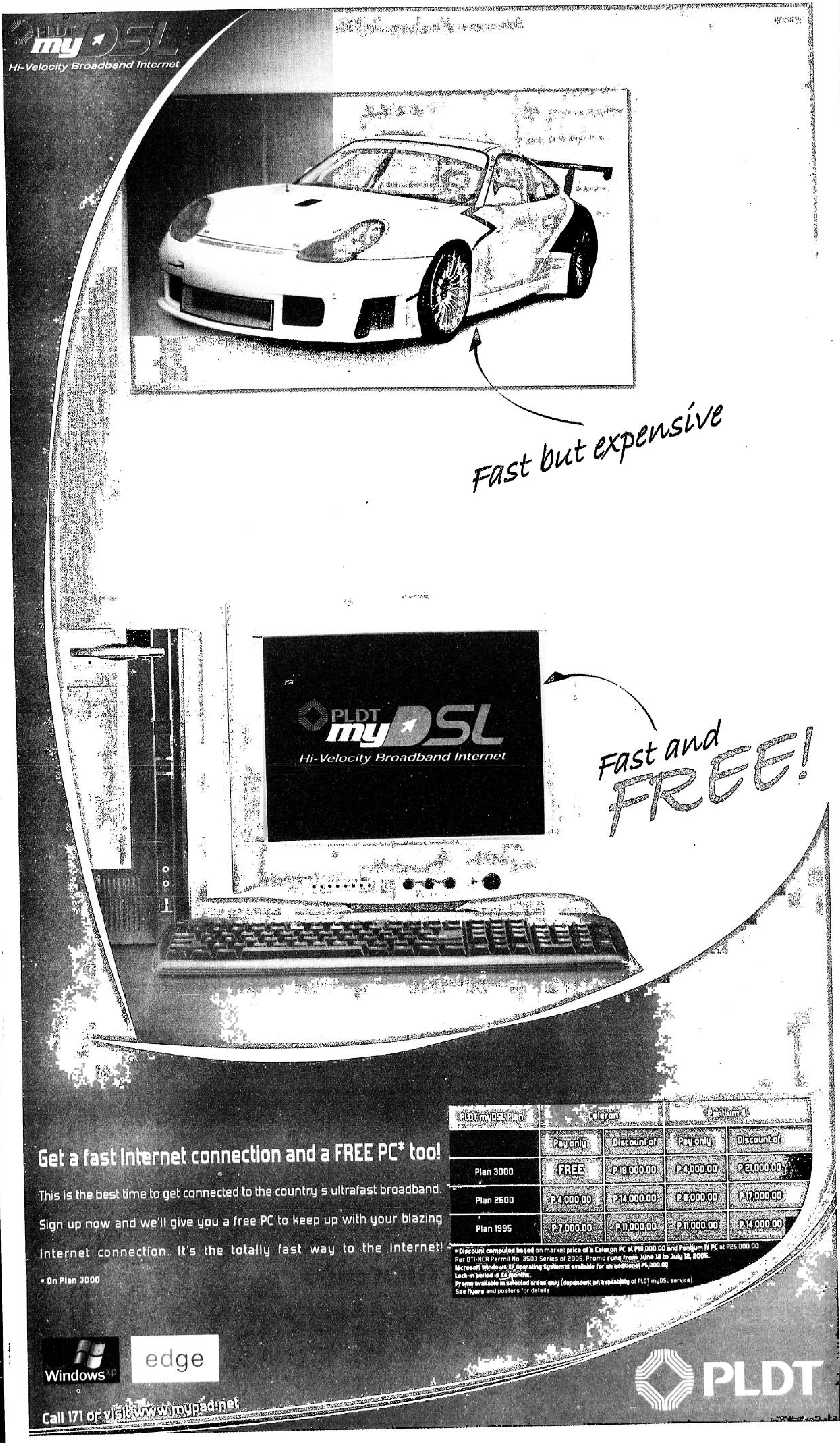

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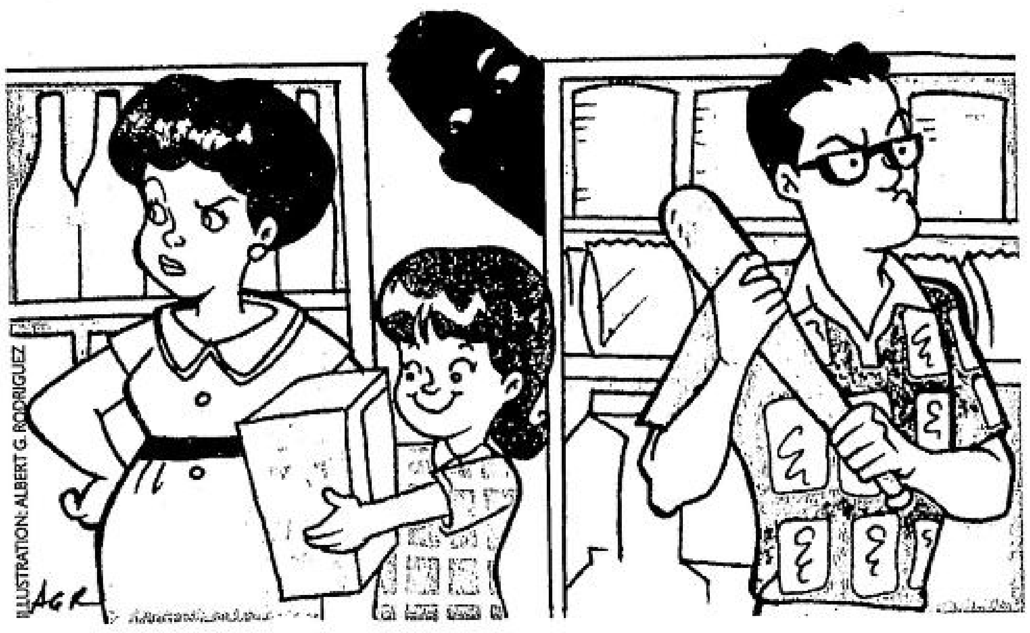

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Dirty old uncle

My daughter's brush with a pedophile apparently did not leave her traumatized. That's why I believe in guardian angels

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

THANK heaven she has three sons and is now 45, because when my daughter was in kindergarten she had a brush with a pedophile.

At 6:30 every day, Wendy was brought to the corner grocery in our car. There the maid loaded her into the Maryknoll school bus. If they were early or the bus was late, my daughter and the maid hung around the grocery we patronized all year for all our needs. It seemed so safe. The driver had been with us six years, the maid (a kitchen helper because Wendy was too old to have her own *yaya*), two.

In the middle of her homework one day there was a telephone call for Wendy. She talked into the phone then came back.

"Who was that?" I asked, thinking it was a classmate.

"Oh," she said, "the *tito*."

"What *tito*?" I asked (I have only one brother-in-law and he doesn't call Wendy).

"The *tito* that's in the grocery."

"Who's that?" I asked. "What does he want?"

"He wanted to know if I had already taken a bath." I was alarmed!

"Does he call you often?" I asked calmly, not wanting her to get frightened.

"Sometimes," she said dismissively as if she considered the caller a pest.

"And what else did he want to know?"

"He wanted to know if I had soaped my hair."

"What else?" I asked, trembling with fear and rage.

She sighed as if terribly bored with the subject.

Sometime later my husband and I tried to interrogate Wendy again, but she could neither identify nor describe the stalker.

"Once," said our 5½-year-old daughter, "he gave me P1."

"Where?" I asked.

"In the grocery where Melody and I wait."

My husband and I were in near panic. We cross-examined the maid who said she had never noticed any man talking to Wendy. We asked our other help if the man called often. They said they didn't know of any man phoning Wendy! (We were exasperated and hopping mad).

Upon further prodding, our daughter said the man was known to us—in fact, she was "Daddy's friend" (or so the man made out—or was he really?). Wendy thought she, in fact, had seen him at one of our parties. (Did she? Or did the stalker suggest that?) The person apparently made the child feel he was some family friend or venerable uncle, therefore, safe.

Wendy is not a particularly good storyteller, and we could get nothing more from her. She wasn't frightened, but she couldn't seem to recall anything besides seeing him at the grocery every morning when she waited for the school bus. (Did he go there before he went to work, or—horrors!—before he brought his own children to school? Did he

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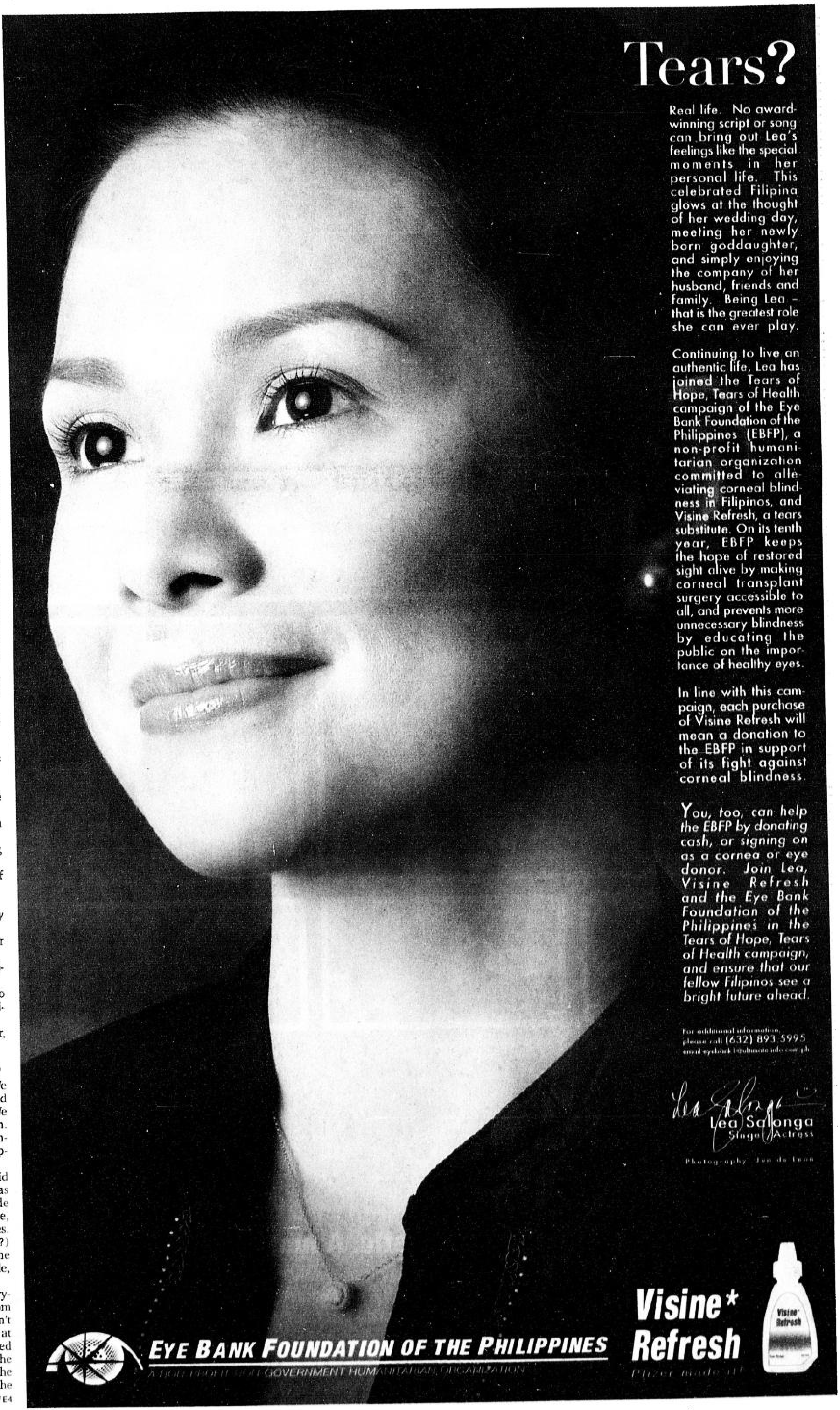

Tears?

Real life. No award-winning script or song can bring out Lea's feelings like the special moments in her personal life. This celebrated Filipina glows at the thought of her wedding day, meeting her newly born goddaughter, and simply enjoying the company of her husband, friends and family. Being Lea – that is the greatest role she can ever play.

Continuing to live an authentic life, Lea has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

In line with this campaign, each purchase of Visine Refresh will mean a donation to the EBFP in support of its fight against corneal blindness.

You, too, can help the EBFP by donating cash, or signing on as a cornea or eye donor. Join Lea, Visine Refresh and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines in the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign, and ensure that our fellow Filipinos see a bright future ahead.

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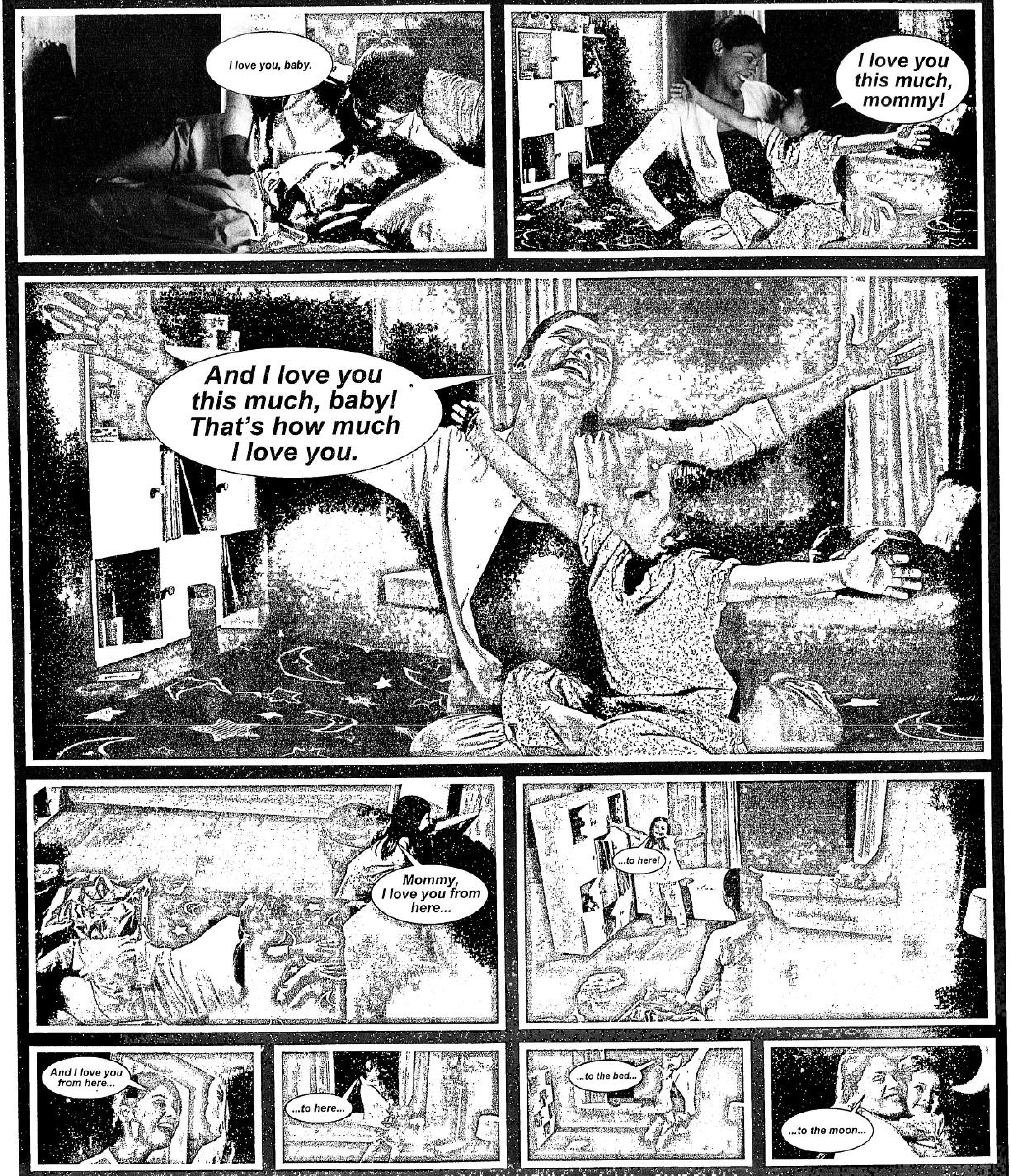
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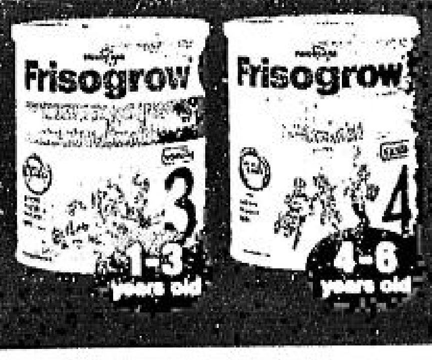
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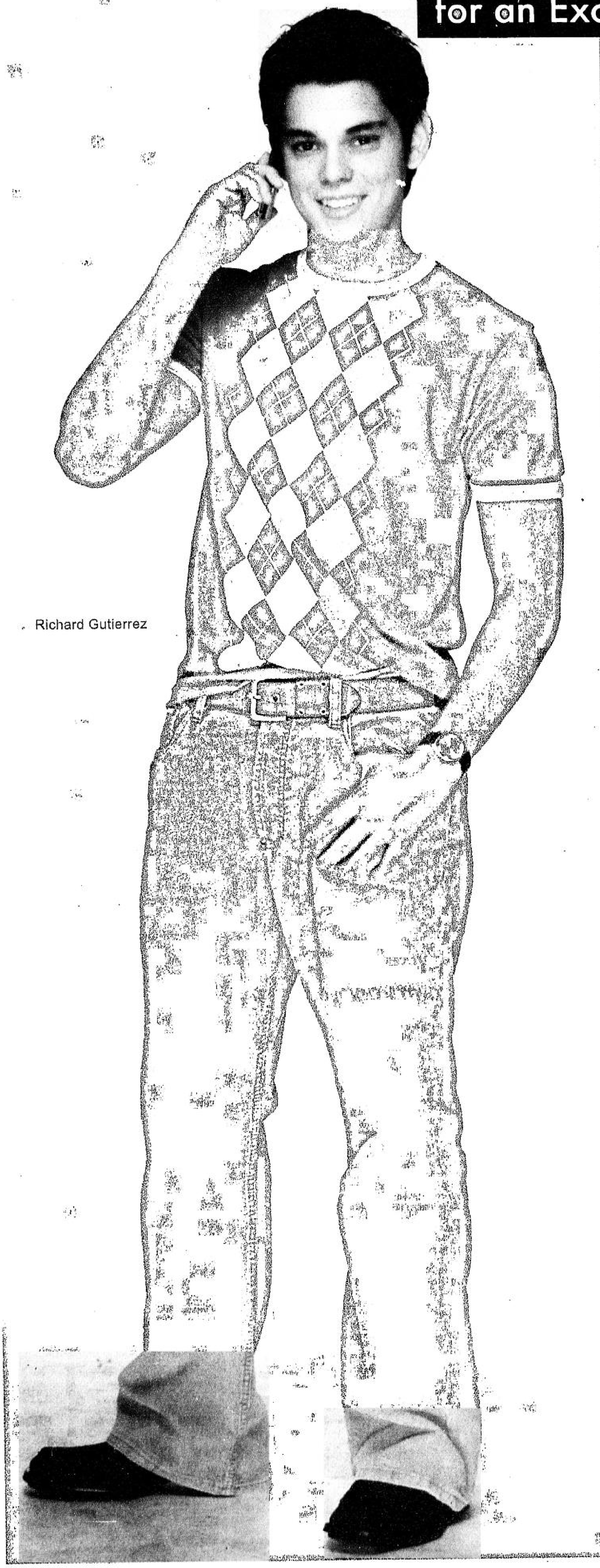
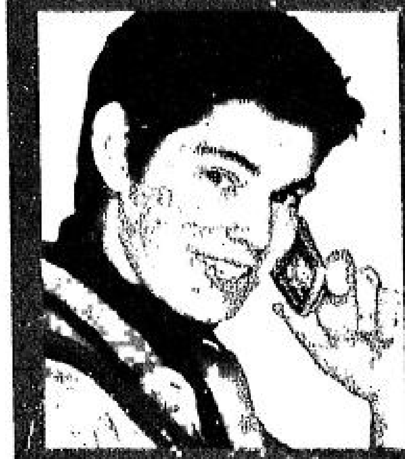
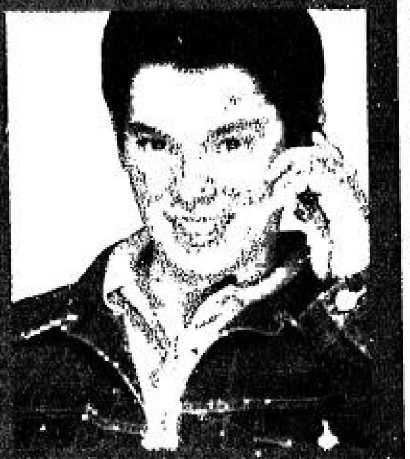


Richard Gutierrez





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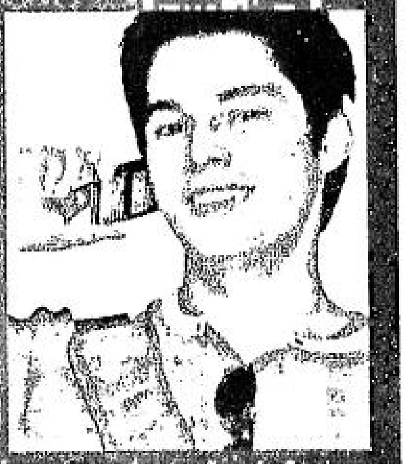

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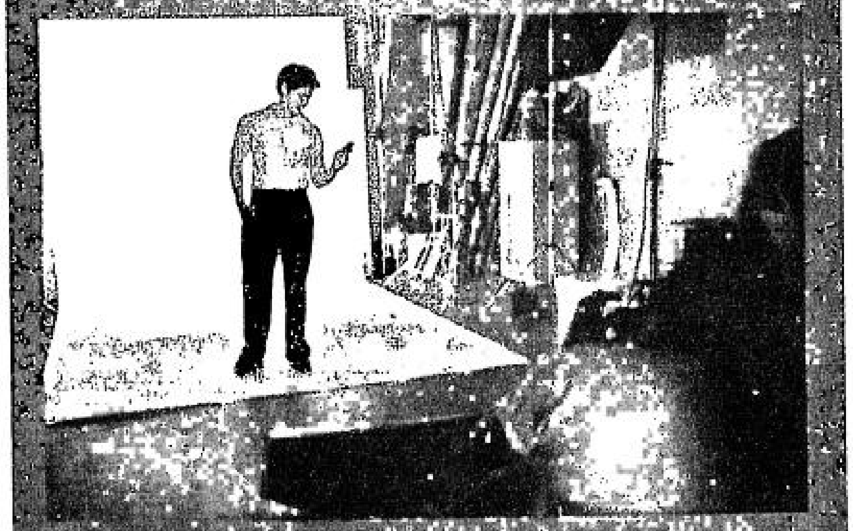

So when Richard is away from home, he makes it a point to call family and friends, keeping in touch no matter how great the distance is between them.

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Dirty old uncle

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live in the neighborhood or was he a part of the grocery?).

The early '60s were not an age of pedophiles, but we warned Wendy firmly and gently to avoid talking to strangers, accepting money or candy from any kind of uncle. The unobservant chaperone was replaced with the ace help, the bright and sterling *yaya* of the next child. Now Wendy's daddy brought her to the corner every day, going around the block and waiting another corner away for the "crazy" to appear so that he could shoot him.

For months nothing unusual happened. But one day months later, I found a white rose on our dining table. The houseboy said it had been left at the gate by a man in a red car for Wendy. He had just left, said the houseboy. No, he didn't look at the plate number. I could kill him.

That same minute, Wendy's father and I jumped into our car and scoured the neighborhood for a red car (there were three or four tucked in the carports but we couldn't imagine what to accuse their owners of!) We tight-guarded the child even more.

Years passed. The brush with evil didn't traumatize the child because she never felt threatened. The stalker had established a feeling of trust. Nor did it get any further, thank heaven. But when Wendy became an adult I jogged her memory back to those kindergarten days that had freaked us out so. Then she recalled something I know she had not told us as a child.

One day, in one of the grocery aisles (which were quite dark with tall shelves in the '60s), she remembered the man unzipped his fly. He was holding his organ, and some liquid was squirting out of it. Then he covered it with a handkerchief.

"And why didn't you tell us about it?" I screamed.

"But I had no idea what he was doing," Wendy said. "And then I forgot. I guess I was just too young. I thought he was hurt, like you have a bleeding wound or something." (Some people can have high IQs and be so dumb about life! And we perpetuated it. We didn't tell the kids about sex till they were Grade 6).

"What else?" I prodded.

"When I was about Grade 3, anyway a little bit bigger," Wendy said, "you took us all to a company party where the families were invited. The face of one of the guests was vaguely familiar. But I wasn't sure because I had not seen that face for years. I would catch him looking at me but I always doubted because he never showed any sign of recognition."

"Why didn't you tell us?" I asked exasperatedly.

"Because I wasn't sure. I was trying to figure out if it was the same guy in the grocery. I didn't want you to raise the alarm and make a scandal. But now I'm convinced it was someone working with Daddy."

Who was it? I hope he falls in a manhole and drowns like a rat. I hope he steps on a live wire.

That's why I'm convinced that there are guardian angels. It's they who shield children as they go through the eye of a needle.

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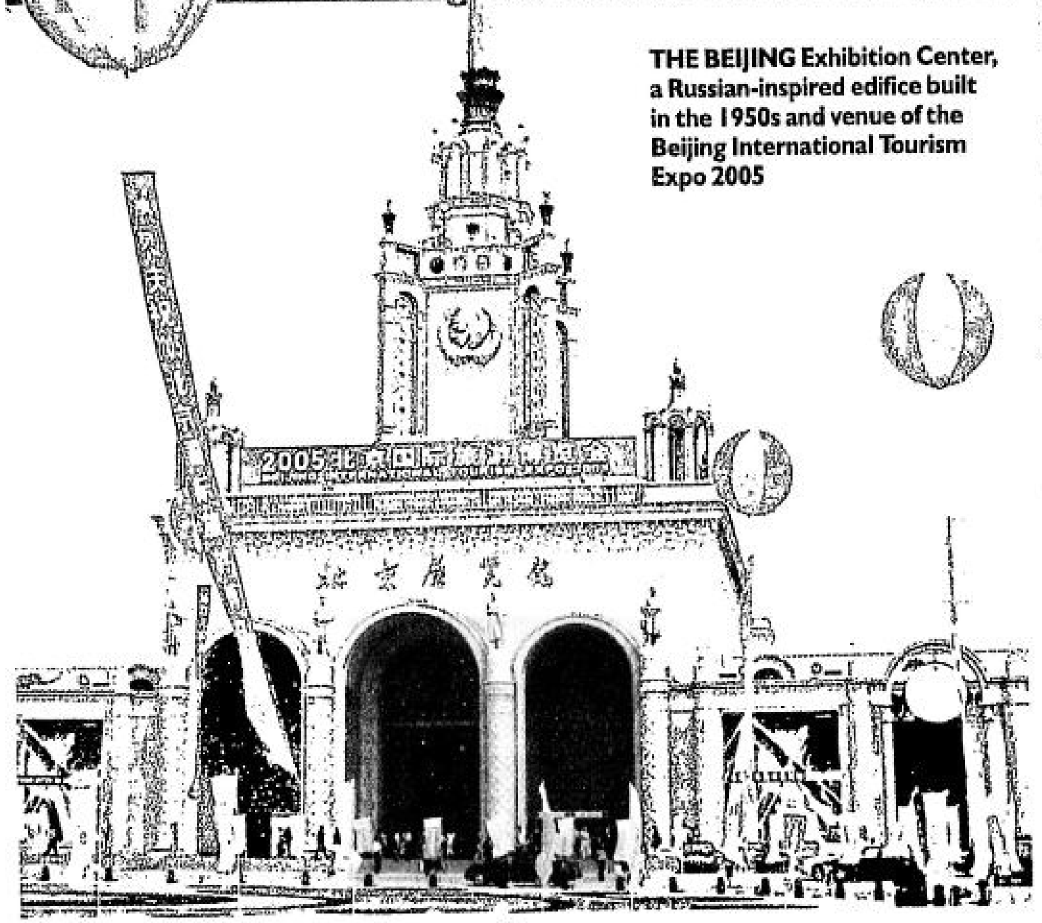

THE BEIJING Exhibition Center, a Russian-inspired edifice built in the 1950s and venue of the Beijing International Tourism Expo 2005

Wowing Beijing

The Beijing International Tourism Expo 2005 gets a taste of Philippine charm big time

Text and photos by Gibbs Cadiz

IN AN INTERNATIONAL travel fair where "Malaysia, truly Asia," "Incredible India," "Amazing Thailand," "Uniquely satisfying Singapore" and "Sri Lanka—a land like no other" are stellar attractions, how does "Wow Philip-

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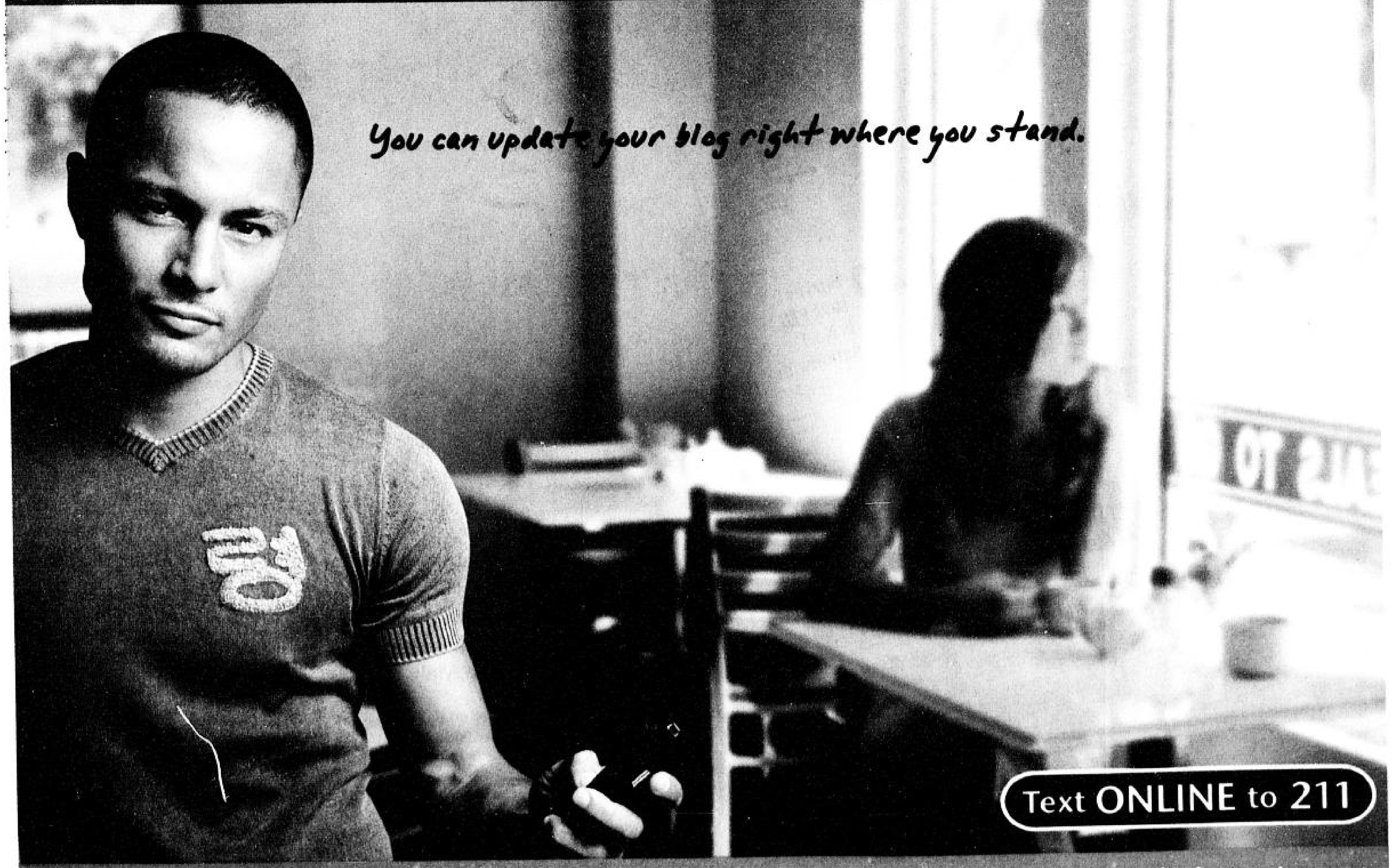
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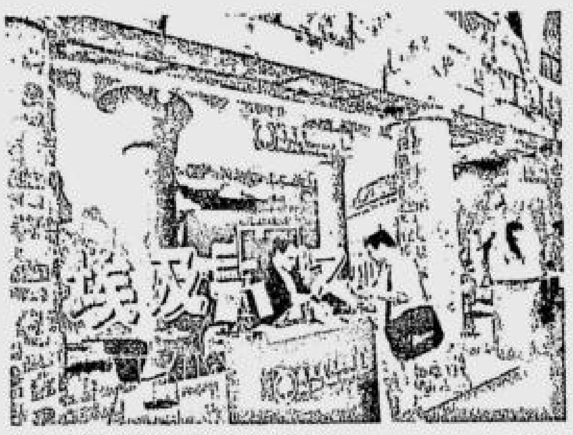

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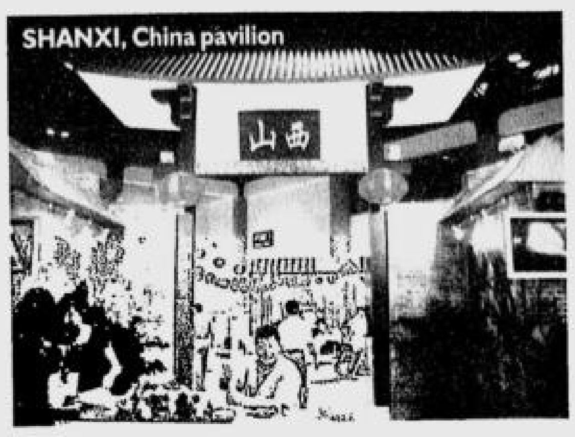

SHANXI, China pavilion

SRI LANKA'S exotic dancing girls

THE CATHEDRAL-like main hall of venue. The RP booth is by the entra

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pines" measure up?

Pretty impressive, to go by the crowds that kept the Philippine booth a hive of activity during the recent four-day Beijing International Tourism Expo 2005, held at the ornate Beijing Exhibition Center.

The Philippines' participation was part of the Department of Tourism's continuing campaign to court the huge Chinese tourist market, which in 2004 reached 28.85 million outbound visitors. That figure is projected to reach 50 million by 2010, and 100 million by 2020.

No wonder Tourism Secretary Joseph Durano lights up whenever he talks of China. "Even if we get only 10 percent of that 50 million, that's already five million visitors," he says.

Last year, Chinese tourists to the Philippines numbered less than 7,000—a truly dismal number considering the two countries' geographical proximity and shared cultural roots. But ever since the DOT put up a Beijing Tourism Office in July last year, the numbers have been picking up.

The first four months of this year alone saw a 115-percent increase in Chinese tourist arrivals compared to the same period in 2004. "With this growth trajectory, China is on the way to becoming the fourth largest inbound visitor country by the end of 2005, after the USA, South Korea and Japan," says Durano. He is quick to point out that in 2004, China didn't even make it to the Top 10 list.

DOT director Shah Tamano, honorary China ambassador Alfred Yao and Tourism Secretary Joseph Durano with DOT Team China's Edu Jarque and Allan Canizal. Also in Team China is Rene Reyes.

Aggressive moves

The healthy signs are attributable in part to the department's aggressive moves to stamp the Philippines in the minds of newly-affluent and travel-hungry Chinese. A number of thoroughfares in Beijing are now adorned with Chinese-language "Wow Philippines" billboards touting the country's major attractions such as Bohol, Boracay, Subic and Clark, Cebu, Vigan, Davao and Manila.

Similar LCD ads are running on the trains that shuttle between Beijing and Shanghai, and Chinese TV, newspapers, magazines and the Internet also carry the same message. The ad campaign extends to Guangzhou in the southern province of Guangdong, which is geographically the nearest mainland Chinese city to the Philippines.

The campaign seems to be resonating among the Chinese, judging from the response to the Philippine presence at the Beijing fair. In a similar exhibit held in Guangzhou last March, the Philippine booth even won the Best Booth award, for both design (an expansive wall that quite literally wraps the visitor with a stunning view of Boracay's beach) and ability to attract crowds. The same setup made its appearance in Beijing.

Grandeur and dazzle

Of some 200 international exhibitors, 20 countries were represented in the Beijing fair. For the most part, they tried to outdo each other in the grandeur and dazzle of their pavilions. India glittered in walls of gold, while the Campanian region of Italy, which includes such fabled jet-set spots as Capri, Sorrento and Amalfi, had a setup similar to the Philippines with a breathtaking giant billboard of the coast of Naples enveloping the visitors. Around 50 individual companies, many of them peddling tours to China's indigenous districts like the Muslim-dominated autonomous region of Xinjiang Uygur in Western China, also commanded major space in the exhibit.

Too bad the Beijing exhibit didn't give out awards, unlike in Guangzhou. If it did, the Philippine entry surely would have made another exemplary showing. Situated right by the entrance to the cathedral-like main hall of the 1950s Russian structure, the booth was an easy lure to visitors with its bright, friendly ambiance, the preponderance of young Chinese-speaking interpreters (among them some Filipino students studying Mandarin in Beijing) and the unbeatable crowd appeal of the Bayanihan Dance Company.

'Incredible India' all a-glitter

DANCING girl from China's Xinjiang Uygur Moslem region

The Bayanihan has become the country's best ambassadors to events like the Beijing International Tourism Expo. In a crowded marketplace where each country presents a snapshot of its unique culture via pocket cultural presentations, the Bayanihan troupe never fails to impress with its beautiful costumes, lovely dancers and assured, graceful moves.

Enthusiastic reception

Durano and his Team China, a group of Tourism officials and employees who oversee the intensive China campaign, are hoping the enthusiastic reception would help make the Philippines the "top Southeast Asian destination among Chinese travelers," as Durano puts it.

"We want to show our target travelers that the Philippines is full of wonderful surprises," says the Secretary. To many Chinese, he is the first surprise. Boyish-looking at 35, Durano is often the object of amazement among Chinese who are accustomed to more senior-looking government officials. "I am often asked if I am the son of the minister. I assure you I AM the minister," he quips by way of opening his presentation before Chinese media and travel people.

Youth, in this way, is on his side. "Wow Philippines," a program birthed by former Tourism Sec. Richard Gordon, has gotten a new lease on life under Durano, who has brought the campaign overseas and made it speak the language of its intended audience. Now it's making the Chinese go "Wow."

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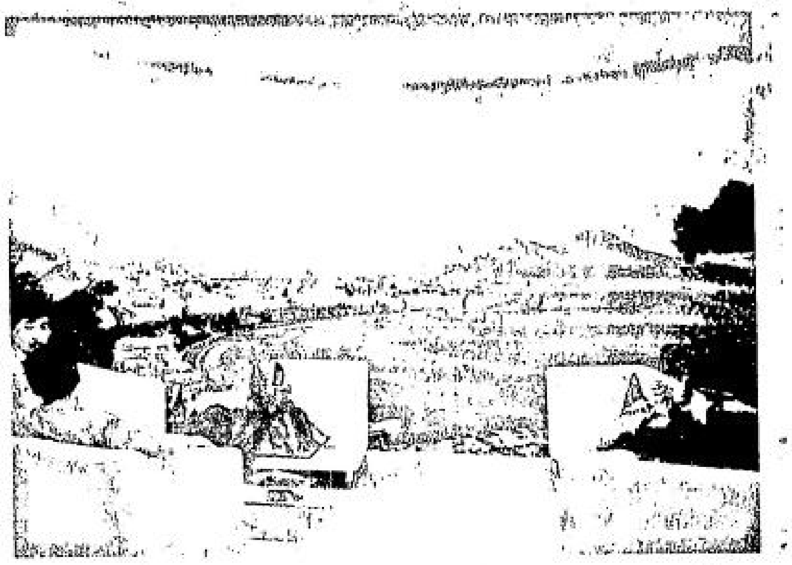
THE BAYANIHAN Dance Company closes its well-received performance with a song. Ana Feleo (second from left), daughter of actors Laurice Guillen and Johnny Delgado, is the featured soloist.

BRYAN Que, a Filipino student studying Mandarin at Beijing Normal University, helps man the Philippine booth.



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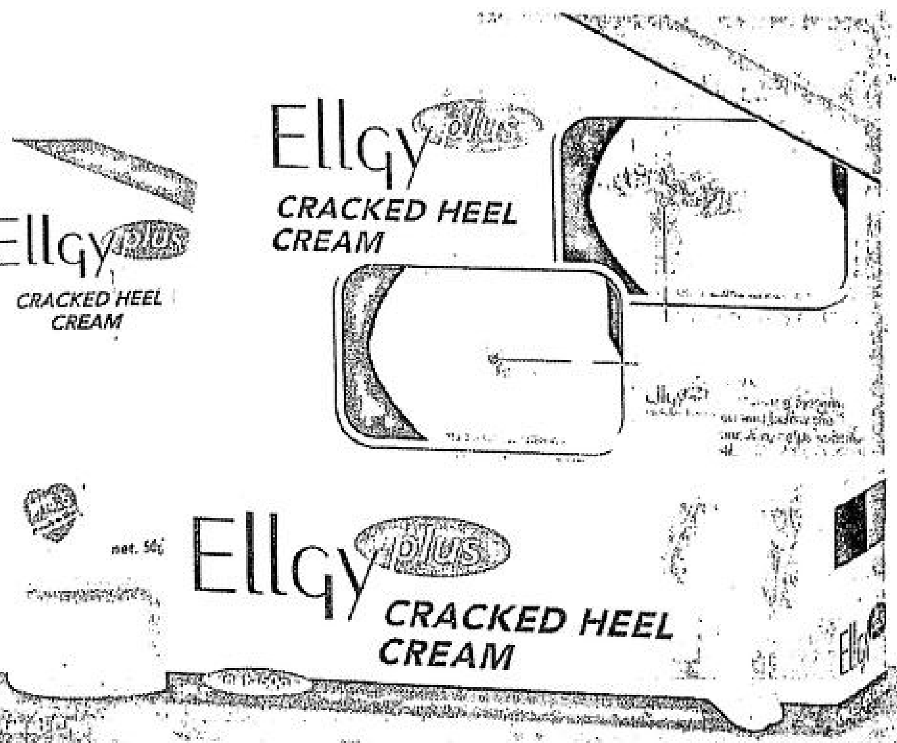

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SWEET little plant /C3

Husband is back to his old ways

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR Emily,

I am the wife of an overseas worker and a nutritionist by profession. I gave up my career when I gave birth to my third child, who graduated this April.

My husband has been working abroad for almost 18 years. His first 10 years were spent in the Middle East. Since then, he has been with a cruise ship touring Europe.

When my husband was still working here, he had an affair which produced a love-child who is the same age as my fourth child, now in his fourth year in college.

When I discovered the affair, the woman resigned from her job and went to Japan, eventually marrying a Japanese. I forgave my husband and he promised it would never happen again.

Last December, before he arrived for his vacation, an envelope was delivered to our house. It was from a woman. After his initial denial, he finally confessed he had been having an affair with another woman for the last 10 years and they had two children, aged 8 and 4.

When my kids and I asked him to choose between us and the other family, he begged us not to make him choose as he would disappear from the lives of both families. He said he would never come back to the Philippines again. We got so scared we let him come and go when he was on vacation. He'd stay with the other family for a while and with us afterwards.

When I finally told him to leave us, he said he couldn't do that as we're his legitimate family. He said he told the other woman that.

When he returned to his ship, and without his knowledge, I accessed his e-mail. I discovered he had been lying to me all this time. He wrote to the other woman every day, while it took him weeks to answer my messages.

Although we still communicate regularly, I don't write him loving letters anymore. I am just very civil to him. This arrangement is making me very very sick in my stomach. There was even a time when I collapsed from sheer exhaustion just thinking about my situation.

My husband has been good to us and never neglected his financial obligations. Shall I let things remain as they are and let him do whatever he wants? Or should I give him an ultimatum—to get out of our lives if he cannot leave his other family?

CONFUSED WOMAN

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HUSBAND/ G4

> 'He promised it would never happen again after I learned of his affair and love child'

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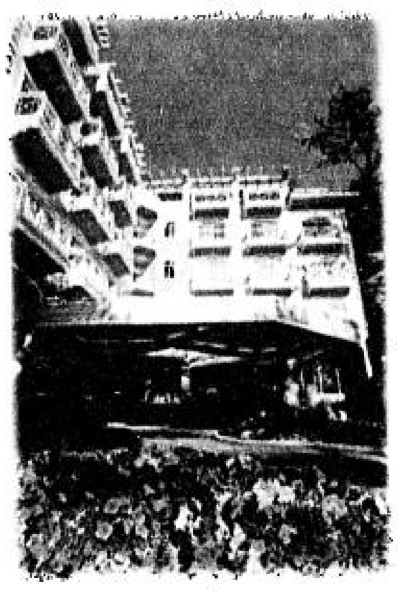

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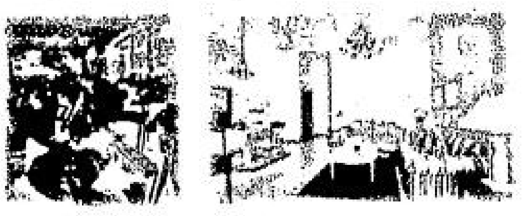

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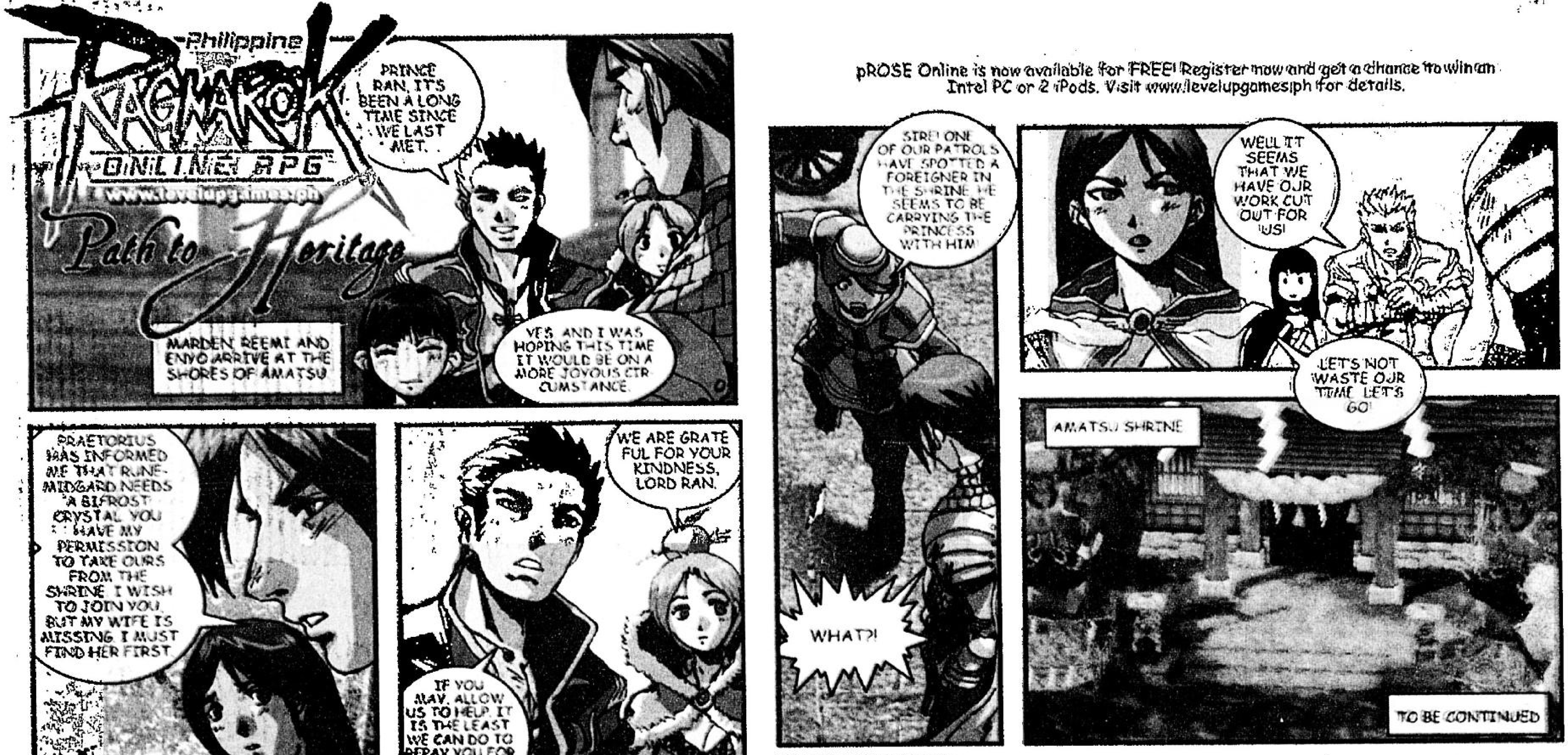
BY MARC REYES & TAGA-ILOG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YES, AND I WAS HOPING THIS TIME IT WOULD BE ON A MORE JOYOUS CIRCUMSTANCE.
PRAETORIUS HAS INFORMED ME THAT RUNE-MIDGARD NEEDS A BIFROST CRYSTAL. YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO TAKE OURS FROM THE SHRINE. I WISH TO JOIN YOU, BUT MY WIFE IS MISSING. I MUST FIND HER FIRST.
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KINDNESS, LORD RAN.
IF YOU MAY, ALLOW US TO HELP. IT IS THE LEAST WE CAN DO TO REPAY YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
SIRE! ONE OF OUR PATROLS HAVE SPOTTED A FOREIGNER IN THE SHRINE. HE SEEMS TO BE CARRYING THE PRINCESS WITH HIM!
WHAT?!
WELL IT SEEMS THAT WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US!
LET'S NOT WASTE OUR TIME. LET'S GO!
AMATSU SHRINE
TO BE CONTINUED

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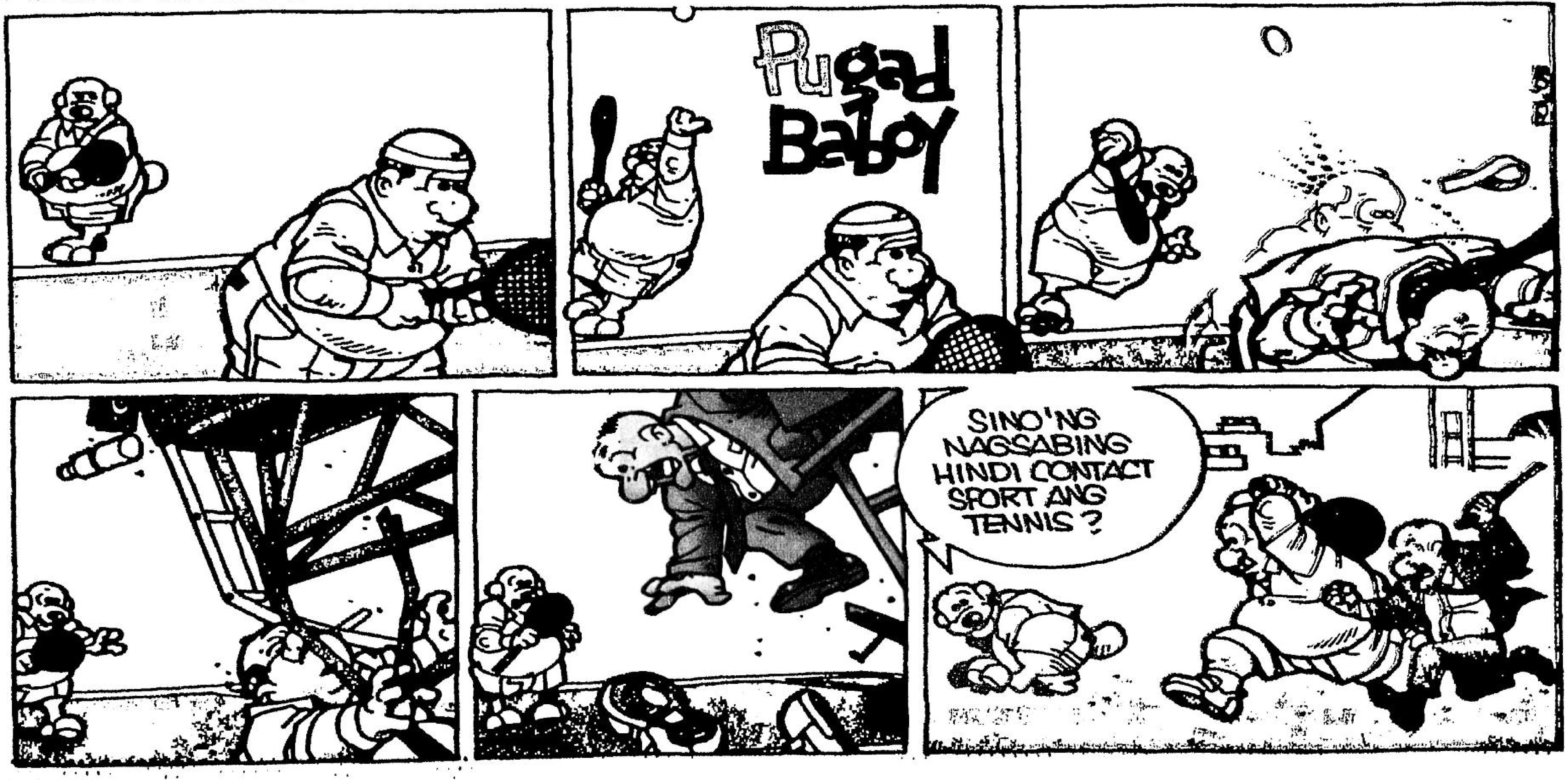
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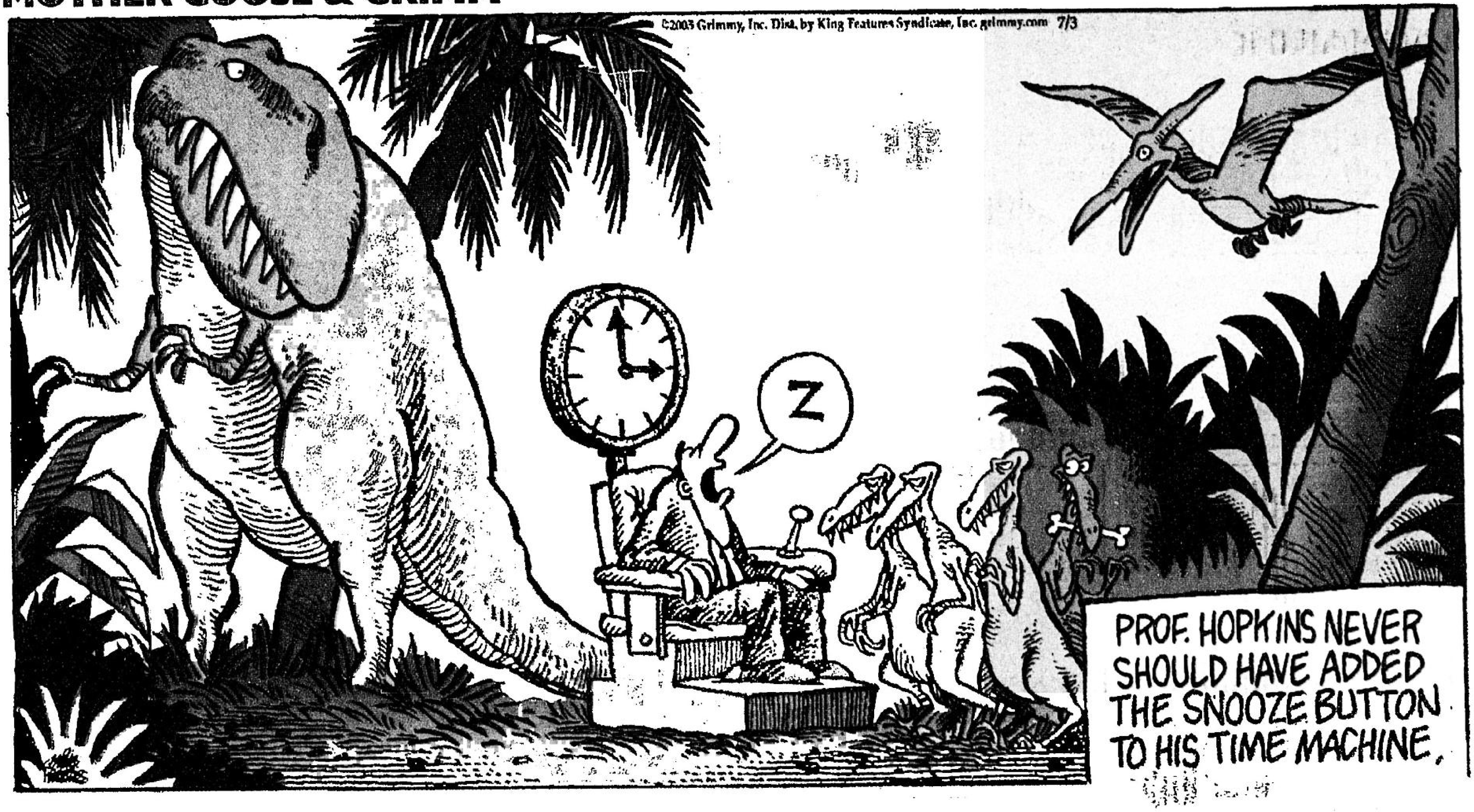
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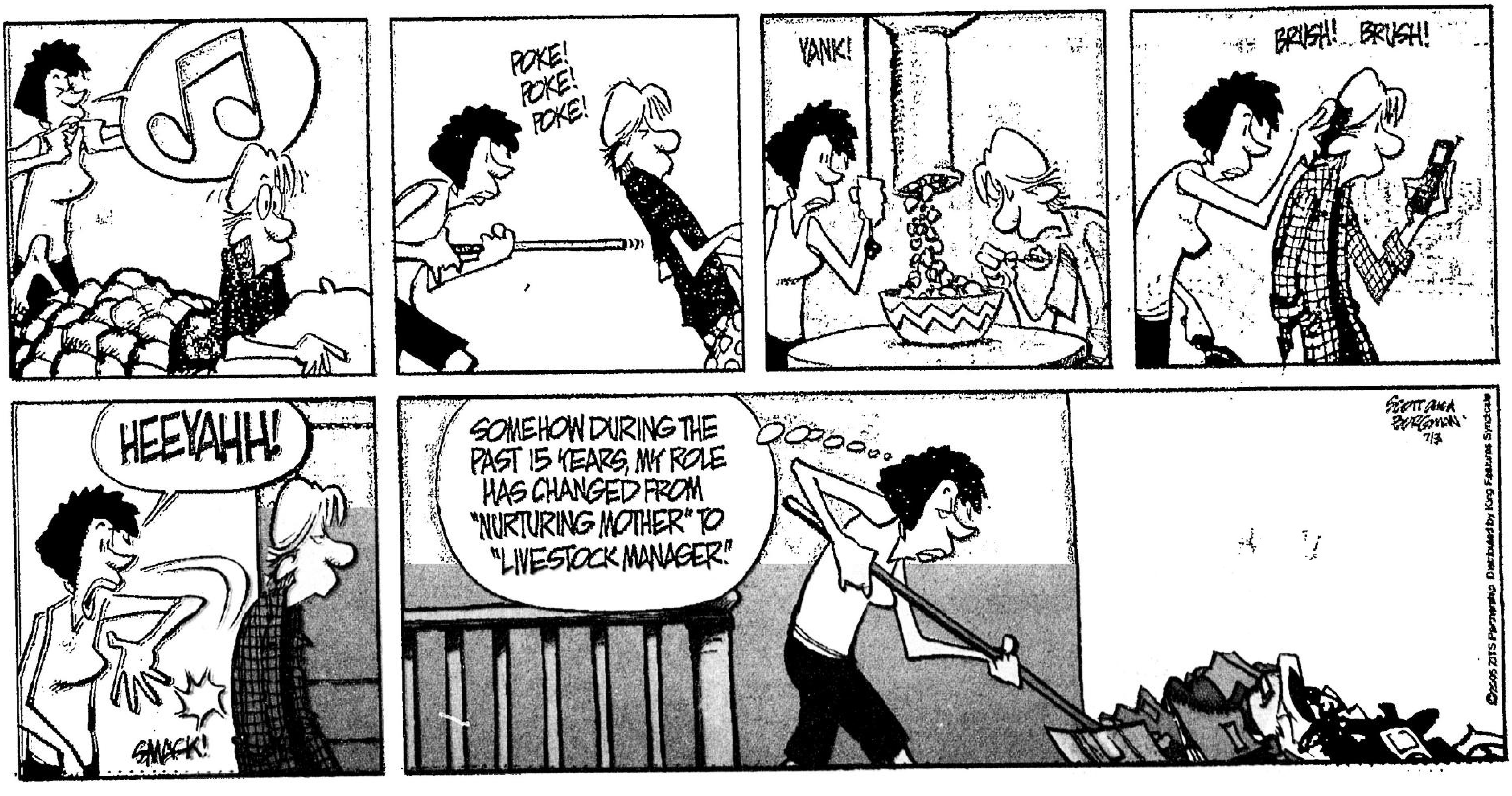
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POKE! POKE! POKE!
YANK!
BRUSH! BRUSH!
HEEYAHH!
SMACK!
SOMEHOW DURING THE PAST 15 YEARS, MY ROLE HAS CHANGED FROM "NURTURING MOTHER" TO "LIVESTOCK MANAGER."
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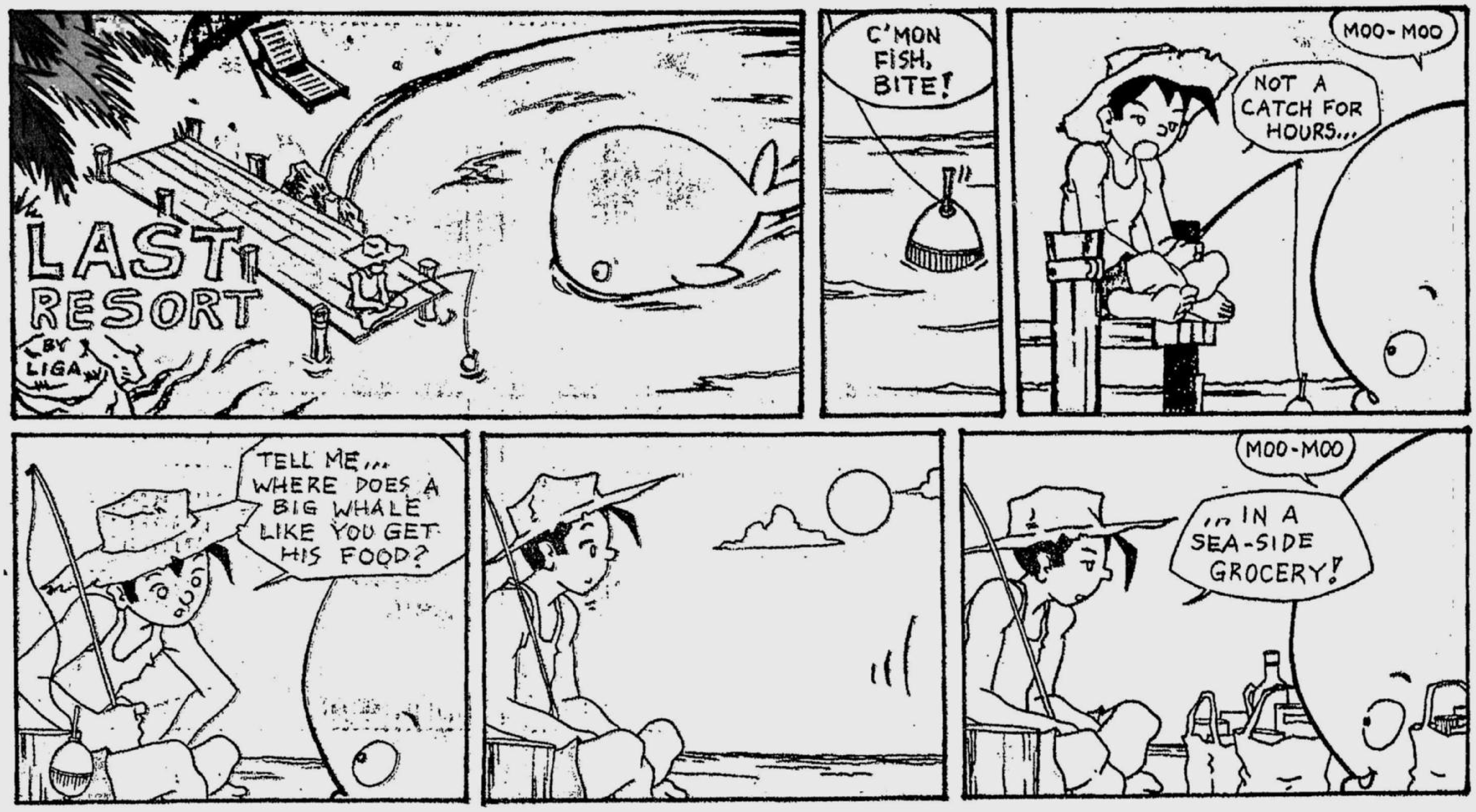
LAST RESORT
BY LIGA
C'MON FISH, BITE!
MOO-MOO
NOT A CATCH FOR HOURS...
TELL ME... WHERE DOES A BIG WHALE LIKE YOU GET HIS FOOD?
MOO-MOO
...IN A SEA-SIDE GROCERY!

A. FOLD OUT AT CENTER TO GET THE BIG PICTURE

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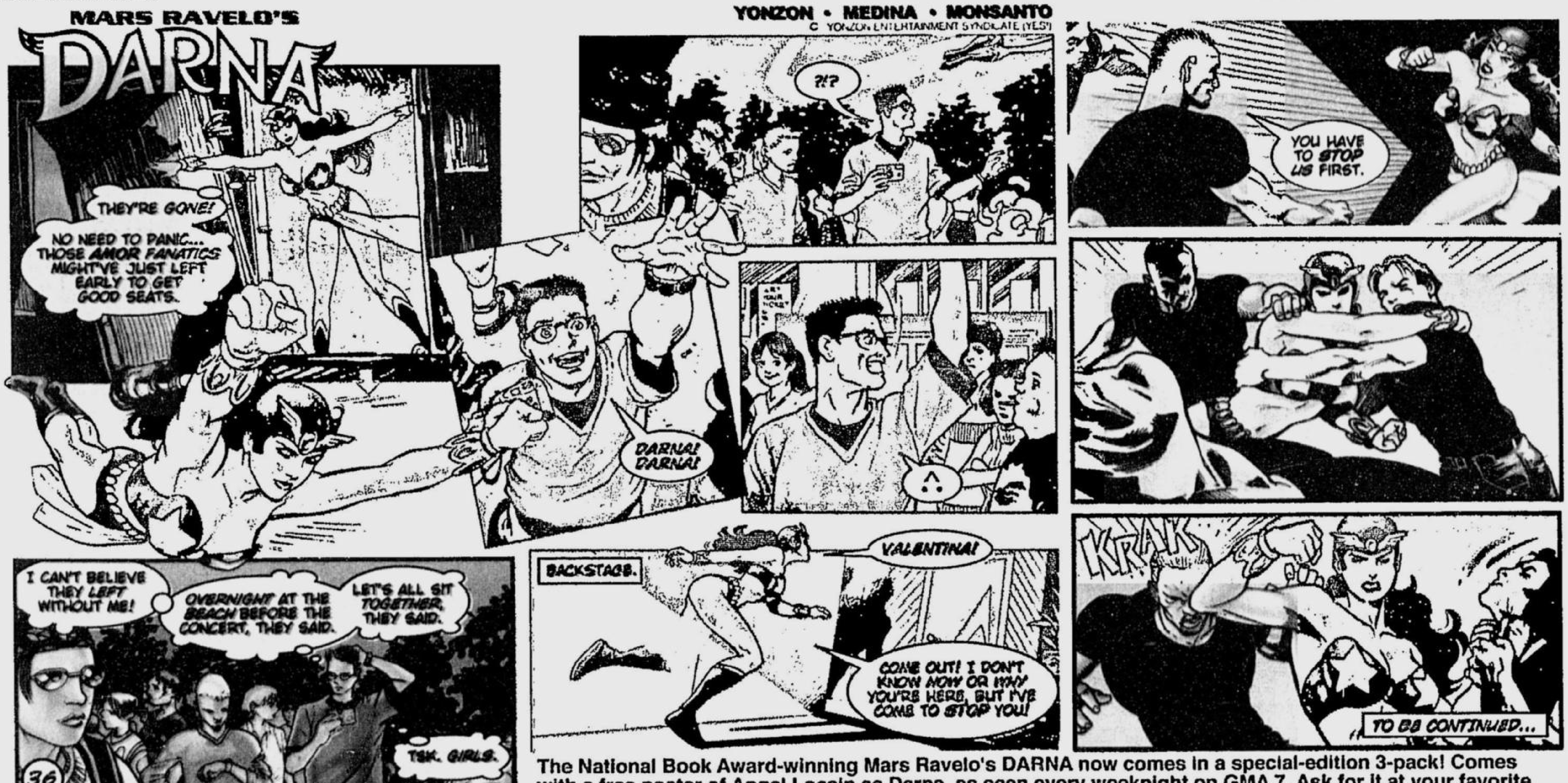
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THEY'RE GONE!
NO NEED TO PANIC... THOSE AMOR FANATICS MIGHT'VE JUST LEFT EARLY TO GET GOOD SEATS.
?!?
DARNA! DARNA!
YOU HAVE TO STOP US FIRST.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY LEFT WITHOUT ME!
OVERNIGHT AT THE BEACH BEFORE THE CONCERT, THEY SAID.
LET'S ALL SIT TOGETHER, THEY SAID.
TSK. GIRLS.
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BACKSTAGE.
VALENTINA!
COME OUT! I DON'T KNOW HOW OR WHY YOU'RE HERE, BUT I'VE COME TO STOP YOU!
KRAK
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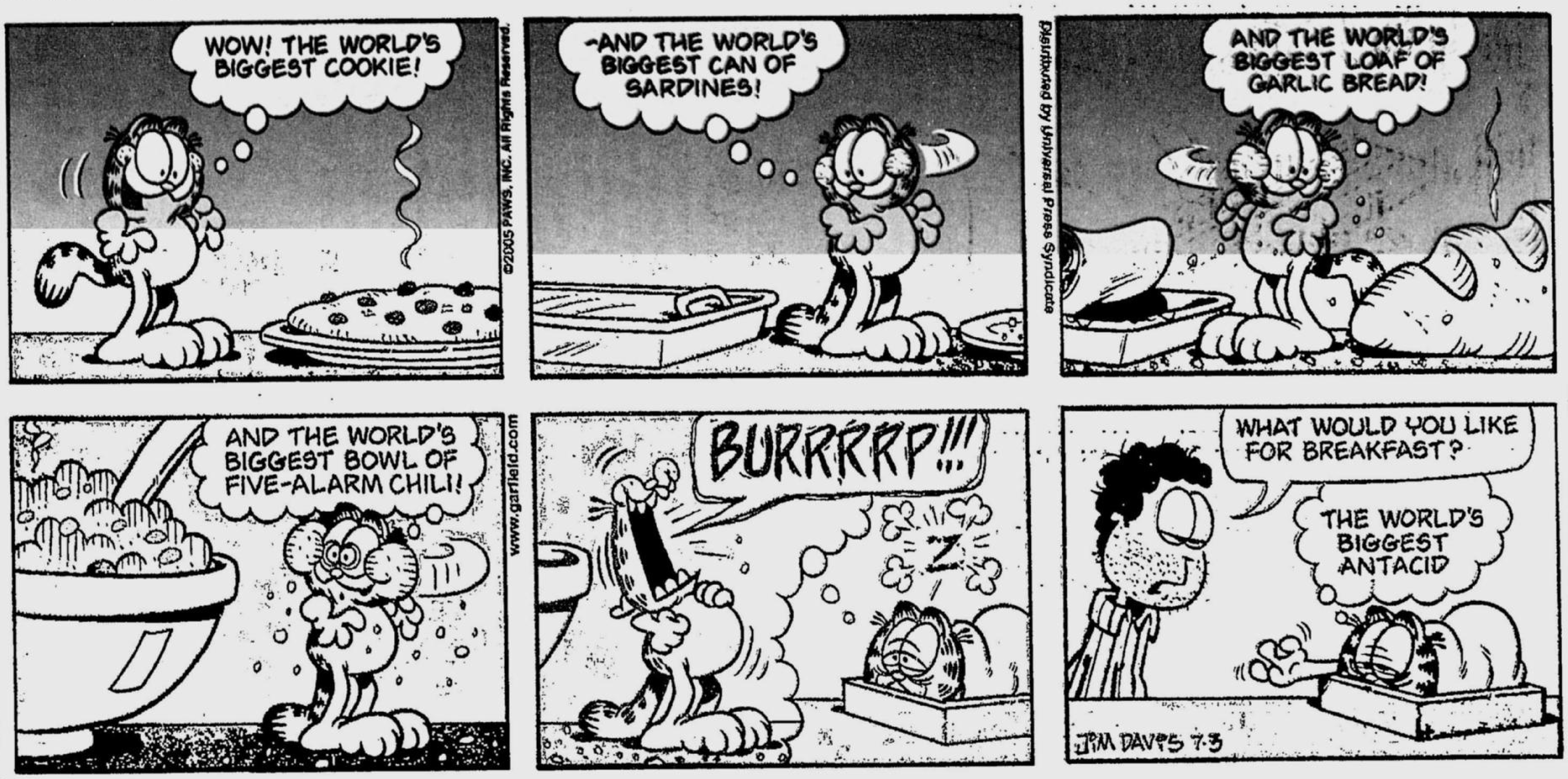
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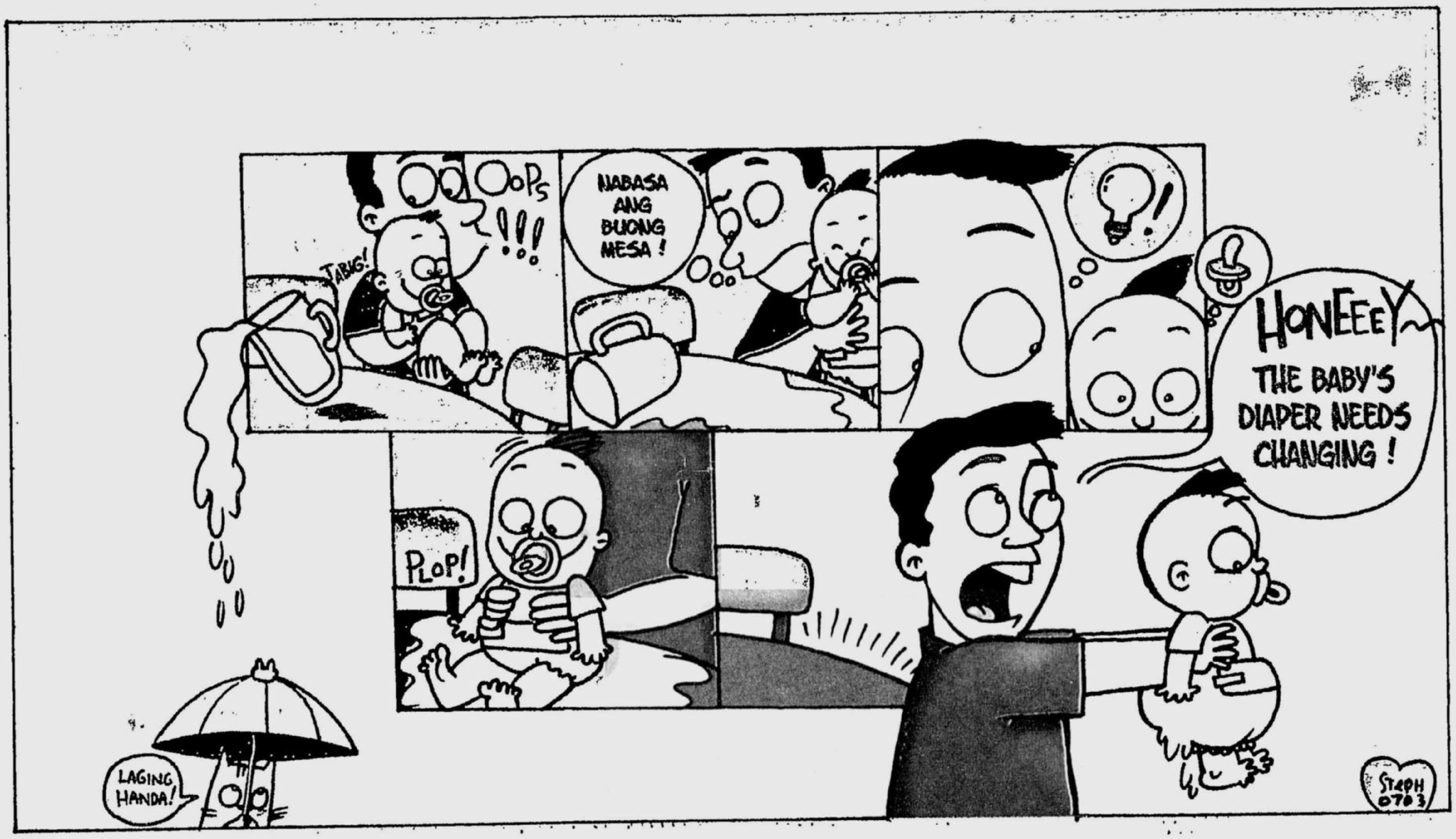
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OOPS !!!
NABASA ANG BUONG MESA !
PLOP!
HONEEEY THE BABY'S DIAPER NEEDS CHANGING !
LAGING HANDA!
STEPH 0703

B. TURN THE PAGE TO GET IT RIGHT

Cocoy and Ogie alternate in 'Caysasay'

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

THE DEVOTION to Our Lady of Caysasay in Taal, Batangas, is 400 years old, and during this period, miracles wrought by God through her intercession had been numerous.

One of the first miracles involved Haybing, one of thousands of Chinese massacred by the Spaniards during the Chinese Revolt in 1639. The Chinese opposed the heavy taxes imposed on them.

The new religious musical, "Mapaghimalang Birhen ng Caysasay" written and directed by Nestor U. Torre, shows how Haybing (played by Ogie Alcasid on July 7, premiere night, and Cocoy Laurel on July 9) was restored to life by the Virgin. Haybing, who was seen to have died from his wounds, was seen in church three days later very much alive.

The account by Fr. Pedro Murillo in Spanish, and translated by Antonio Gonzales, says: "In the big revolt of the Chinese (Sangley) in the years 1639-1640, in the time of the Governor Sebastian Hurtado de Corcuera, no less than 20,000 Chinese perished...The Chinese then sought the refuge of Caysasay, trying to hide in this remote area. There they were followed by the Spaniards and soldiers, and apprehended. "There was one Chinese Christian by the name of Juan Imbin (Haybing), a stone worker, who was at that time actually working on the construction of the church which is Our Lady's Shrine. Afraid for his life and innocent of the uprising, he went to Fr. Alonzo Rodriguez, prior of Taal Convento, on the shore of Lake Bombon (Taal Lake) and prayed and sought the help of the Blessed Virgin to save him from danger...

"He was caught at the shrine... and taken prisoner, together with 20 others, and brought to the garrison in Bombon, where all were brought to be killed on Dec. 7, 1639....

"Haybing received many wounds from the bolos and spears until he died and was thrown to the sea...

"Three days later, Haybing was found alive near the church where, according to him, a little lady who looked like the Virgin brought him... so he could work again in the construction of the church."

With songs written by Ryan Cayabyab, production design by Leo Rialp and musical direction by Jun Murillo, the play brings the audience to the present time when a Fil-American family (Paul, Sylvia and their children Lanie and Tobey) returns to Taal to seek help for Sylvia, who has leukemia. Sylvia asks for the Virgin's help, but her daughter Lanie doesn't believe in what she is doing.

To make her believe, Lanie, played by Nicole David and Ira Marasigan alternately, is transported back to the past and the miraculous events that gave birth to the tradition: the finding of the image by the fisherman Juan Maningkad, the playful disappearances of the image and its finding 10 years later, the miraculous healings and Haybing's return from the dead.

Lanie ends up believing and her mother is healed.

Orlina's commitment

Well-known sculptor Ramon Orlina, a native of Taal, Batangas, gives back to the Virgin all the blessings he receives by acting as executive producer of the play. The headaches that come with the job don't discourage him.

OUR Lady of Caysasay, patroness of Taal, Batangas

Putting together a powerful cast composed of Ogie Alcasid (who is also from Taal); Cocoy Laurel; Tommy Abuel; Cheloy Dans and Ivy Violan, who alternate as the Virgin of Caysasay; Lou Veloso, Rito Asilo, Andy Bais, Albert Jimenez, Nicole David and Ira Marasigan is no mean feat.

Helping Orlina are members of the Taal Charm Foundation Inc.; The Blessed Virgin of Caysasay Foundation, headed by Marietta Goco; and the Taal Heritage Foundation Inc., with Ligaya Tankeh as president.

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Playdates are July 7 and 8 (8 p.m.); and July 9 and 10 (3 and 8 p.m.). For tickets, call Sally at 0927-5750723 or Lay Ann at 0917-5305108 or the Cultural Center of the Philippines box office, 8321125.

Seminar

The God Loves Catholic Charismatic Community will hold a Life in the Spirit Seminar on July 9, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., at the Betania Retreat House, 214 N. Domingo St., Quezon City. Text Marie at 0917-9041264 or Bro. Robert at 0917-5301213.

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Anniversary

On July 8, 5:30 p.m., devotees of Our Lady of Piat in Metro Manila will mark, at the Manila Hotel, the 40th year of holding Masses on the Saturday after the July 2 fiesta in Cagayan Valley of the Virgin. Call Dr. Carolina Prada at 3713865. Dinner tickets will be sold at the gate. Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan will officiate in the concelebrated Mass.

Husband . . .

From page G1

fore he left for abroad? How can he not go into another affair when you're not even anywhere near? "Out of sight, out of mind"?

You never had a sustained marriage with him to begin with! You might have started with something—but, like it or not, the bond must have come undone sometime during the 18 years of separation. Your husband basically lost the familial connection to you, save for the children he sired and you share together.

It is the daily grind, the boring rituals, the ups and downs that make up the 24/7 of our lives. To be precise, what bind families together are the tears, the laughter, the hurts, the kids' bruises, their interminable homework, their puppy loves, the husband-wife petty quarrels, the torrid love acts that come with forgiveness, the crazy surprises you spring on each other. In other words, the nitty-gritty stuff, the ordinary.

Money, despite the fleeting giddiness it brings, is not a very strong glue to hold a family together. And, for some, 18 years is a lifetime.

You both decided that living apart was best to support your family. Amen to that. Money must have been good, but something had to give. You paid the price for comfort with that separation. It's too late for finger-pointing now. Who committed what to whom does not matter anymore.

Since your husband, you say, is basically a responsible man and has not reneged on his duties to your family, ask yourself if this arrangement is truly unacceptable. If you can accept it, then, everyone is happy. Will you be happier if he is totally out of your lives, providing only financial support?

Show him you cannot be a doormat anymore and you will no longer let him spit on your face with his philandering.

Since you are not dying or infirm, resume your profession and prepare for any eventuality. You're already used to not eyeballing him every day, so go on with your life and stop this hurting and worrying over his other families. Recapture the essence of your personality and build, little by little, your tattered self-esteem.

Move on! Your kids are grown and educated. So enough already of this man.

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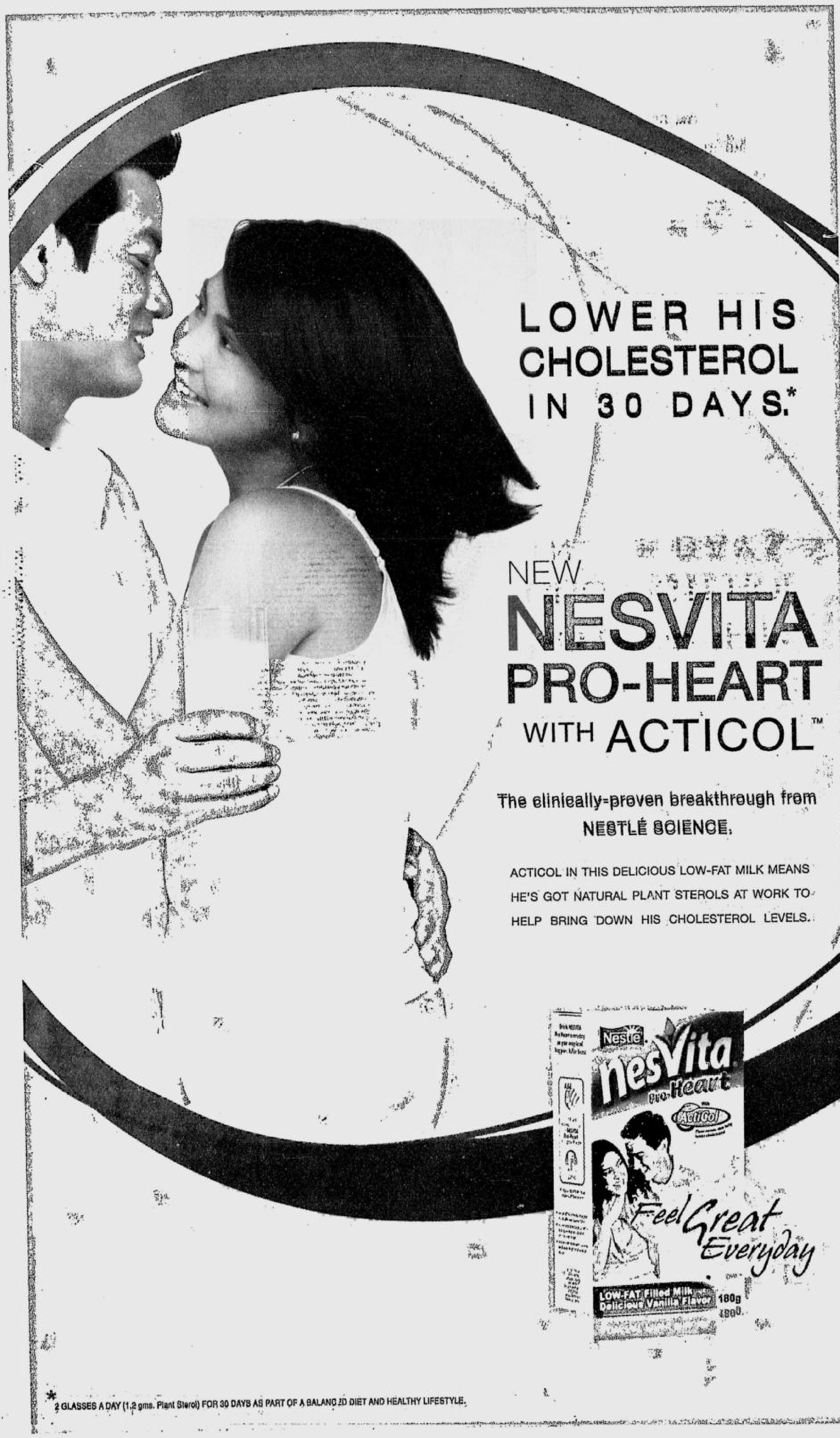
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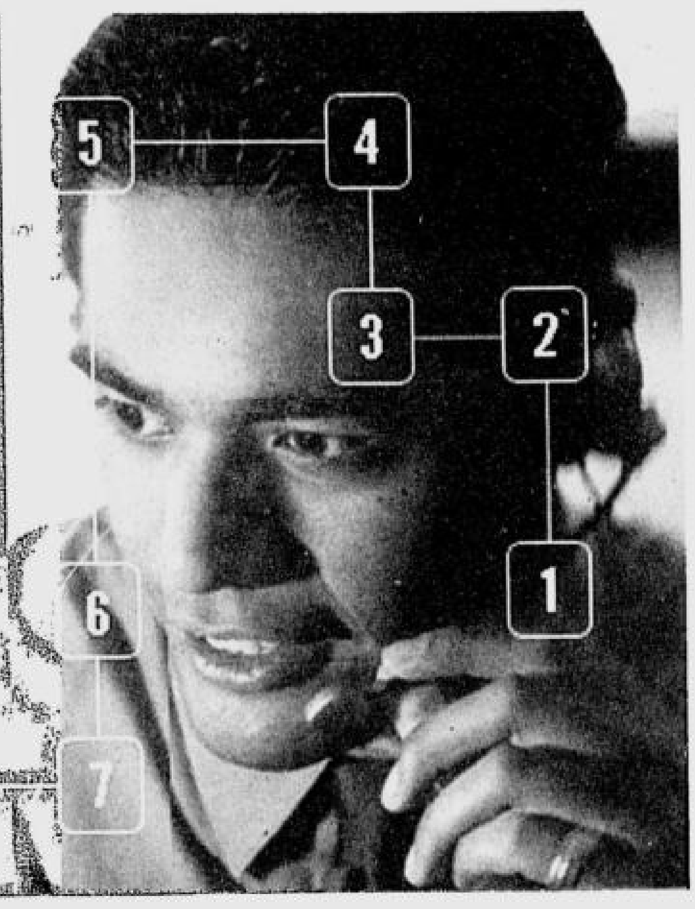

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- Male, not more than 40 years
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- Excellent organizational & interpersonal skills
- Can work long hours

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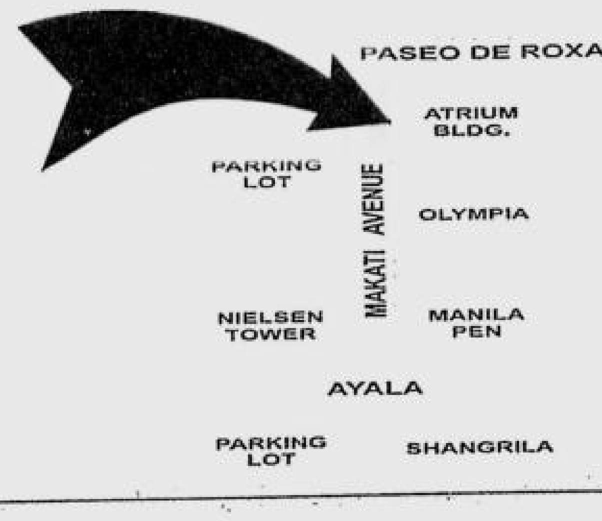

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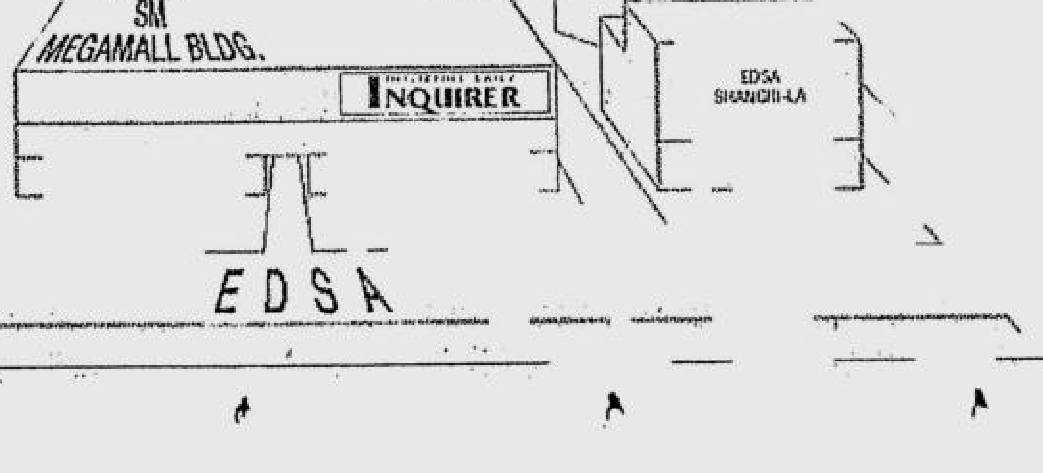

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- Highly proficient in verbal and written communication
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- Must have experience in forklift operation
- Male, 24-31 years old

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- Proficient in verbal and written communications
- Must have working knowledge of MS Office applications
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- With pleasing personality

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- Male, not more than 30 years old
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- With or without experience, Licensed preferred
- Willing to do field work, flexible & willing to learn

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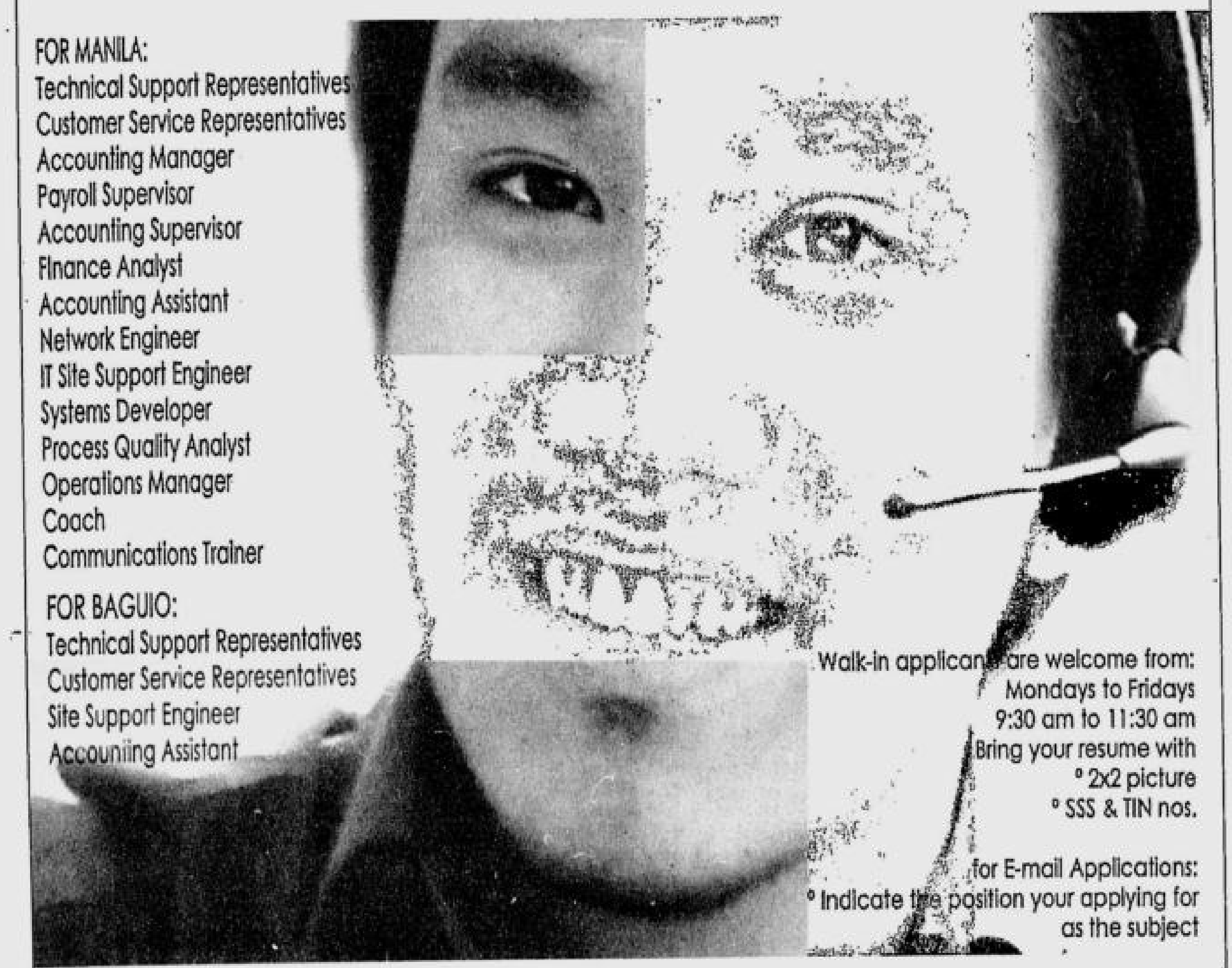

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- With pleasing personality
- Sales and customer Oriented
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- Not more than 30 yrs old w/ pleasing personality
- At least college level/ College grad of any medical related course
- Average oral communication skills
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- Female
- Not more than 30 y.o
- Graduate of any 4 yr. course pref. Mktg.
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- Male or Female
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- Proficient in using the diff,. Programming languages (e.g. SQL, PowerBuilder, Java, Dream weaver, etc.)

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- Male or Female
- Not more than 30 years old
- Graduate of any 4 yr. course
- With a minimum typing capacity of 40-45 WPM
- Must be proficient in EXCEL
- Able to work under minimum supervision

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- Male or Female
- Not more than 28 years old w/ pleasing personality
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WAREHOUSEMEN (W)
- Male, 30-35 y.o.
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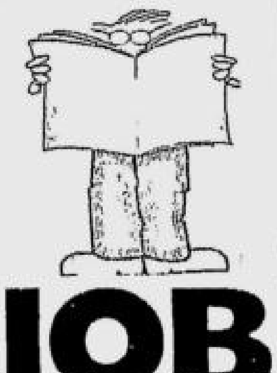

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- Can work with minimum supervision and extended hours.
- Male or Female, not over 28 years old

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- Degree holder in Electronics/Computer Engineering
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- Proficient with PCB design preferably using Orcad PCB Layout tools
- Can work with minimum supervision and extended hours
- Male or Female not over 28 years old

Technical Specifications Writer

- Degree holder in Electronics/Computer Engineering
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- Knowledgeable with electronic components, and interpreting schematics
- Proficient with Technical writing, preparation of specifications and applications
- Very good oral and written communication skills in English
- Can work with minimum supervision
- Male or Female not over 25 years old

Electronic Technician

- Knowledgeable with various Electronic Components
- Can read and Interpret schematic diagrams
- Must have hands on experience and expertise with Soldering and PCB assembly
- Knowledgeable and has experience using various electronic equipment
- With experience in prototyping using solderless or soldered breadboards
- Must have a very good vision or eyesight
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- Can work with minimum supervision
- Male or Female not over 25 years old

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NOTE:

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MSH LEAD

The Local Enhancement and Development (**LEAD**) for Health Project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (**USAID**) and implemented by Management Sciences for Health (**MSH**), aims to strengthen local government provision and management of family planning (FP) and selected health services (Vitamin A/MCH, TB, and HIV/AIDS), and to improve the policies and financing for these services. The Project will seek to improve the capacity of local government units (LGUs), particularly in cities and municipalities, to meet the needs of their constituents, especially the poor, for FP, TB, MCH, and HIV/AIDS.

The LEAD for Health Project is a three (3)-year contract between USAID and MSH that ends on September 30, 2006. ***There is a two (2)-year optional extension period***.

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DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES: The Database Administrator provides support for the development and maintenance of database applications used by the LEAD Project. He or she will provide support for the following:

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- Working with Information Services (IS) staff from MSH/Cambridge to provide support for database design and programming in MS Access, MS SQL, MS Excel, MS Visual Basic and ASP.Net.

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1. Assist with systems analysis and programming of database utilities and the design of customized reports. This may include web-based reports or applications.
2. Maintain technical documentation on systems developed and on the customization of the project's database applications.
3. Manage the security of the databases by creating database user accounts and administering access rights.
4. Work with the Network Administrator to schedule and monitor automated back-ups and maintenance procedures.
5. Provide training in data analysis and report design for the project's technical and program staff.
6. Assist the Network Administrator with general network troubleshooting and software support for computer users within the LEAD project offices as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. BA/BS in computer science or a related field, or equivalent relevant experience.
2. Demonstrated expertise in developing database applications using MS Access, Visual Basic and ASP.Net
3. Knowledge of Network Technologies (i.e. Windows 2003 server, client-server applications, network security and Internet Connection).
4. Experience developing Microsoft SQL server database applications.
5. Experience developing Web-based applications
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An attractive and highly competitive compensation and benefit package await the chosen applicant. Qualified applicants are requested to send their application letter, with a comprehensive resume showing details of their work experience, academic background, and references not later than *July 8, 2005* through any of the following:

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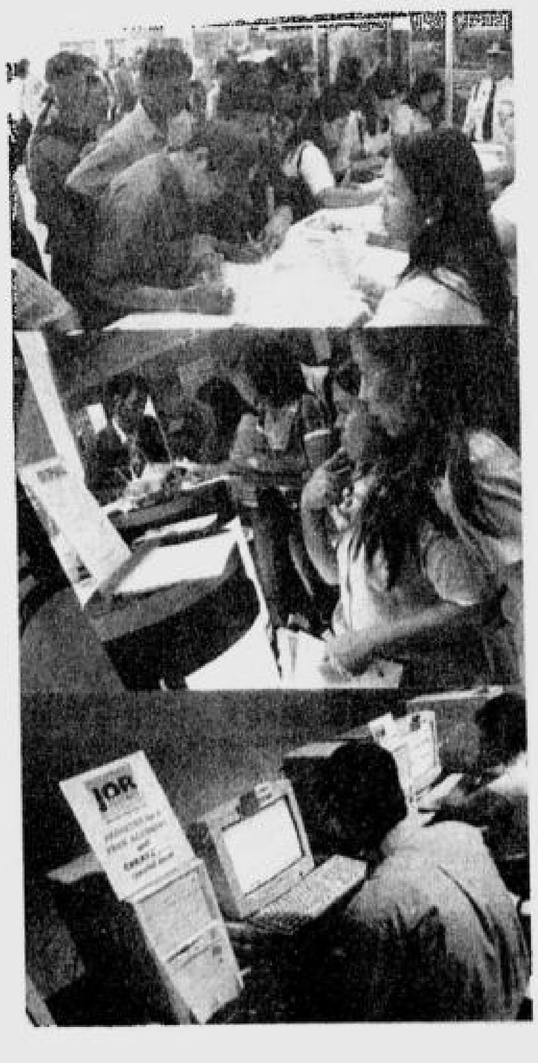

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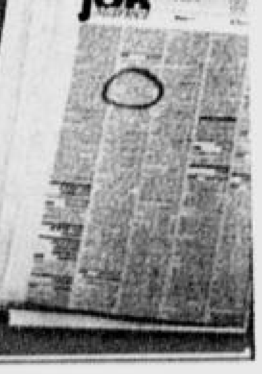

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Employers are encouraged to support family planning

By Ma. Diosa Labiste
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—Although many companies haven't realized it, it pays to have a good family planning program in the workplace. It helps increase productivity as well as reduces absenteeism or maternity leave and the need for temporary placement of workers on maternity leave, said Tomas Osias, treasurer of the Forum for Family Planning and Development (FFPD).

Also reduced are costs associated with unintended pregnancies and replacing workers who do not return to work after pregnancy, he added. The FFPD is a multisectoral group based in Manila that tackles issues on family planning and reproductive heath. Osias, also executive director of the Commission on Population, was here on June 21 to brief Iloilo business groups on population and poverty.

The forum was supposed to discuss why businessmen should be concerned about the problem on population but major business associations like the Iloilo Business Club and the chambers of commerce were absent.

Legal requirement

Osias pointed out that Article 134 of the Philippine Labor Code provides that establishments employing 200 or more workers should put up or maintain a clinic that has family planning services. Small and medium businesses may also link with local health stations of the government. But, he said the law was ignored both by employers and workers.

Some companies do not think family planning or reproductive health is relevant to their survival. Some companies even fired pregnant unmarried women. Others may have clinics but are bias towards some family planning methods, limiting the choices of their workers.

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Some workers have no interest in family planning and reproductive health, especially if they are unmarried. Other issues in the workplace are early marriage and large family size.

Osias said employers are enjoined to implement the Labor Code provision as part of their corporate social responsibility. But he admitted that the Department of Labor cannot monitor the implementation of law because it is undermanned. Thus, labor unions are asked to take initiative in establishing clinics and asking management to do so.

But Osias said there are some companies that care about the family welfare of their workers. He cited companies in Sta. Rosa and Cabuyao in Luzon that have clinics or have linked with barangay health centers to provide reproductive health services for their workers.

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you're bone-weary.)

Multitasking driver

But it is the stuff that, he says, makes his work more challenging than his previous jobs. (He has worked before as a forwarder-driver, taxi driver, and family driver to a foreign advertising agent in Manila.)

Some of the things that he likes in his current job, he says, are the varied opportunities that are open to him, such as: "*Marami akong natututunan*" (I learn a lot) and I meet a lot of people."

Among the people that he gets to meet and drive for are foreign CIGGL participants, mostly from the Asia Pacific countries, and hostel guests. On field trip days, "I get the chance to see other places."

Aside from driving, he often does other tasks in their office. "*Gusto ko ito para mas matuto at mahasa ako sa iba't-ibang gawain.*" (I like doing this so that I'd learn and get to know how to do varied jobs.)

For that reason alone, he is always ready to pitch in for a colleague who is indisposed. "*Natuto akong mag-video at ayos rin pag ako ang* desk clerk *sa* hostel." (I learned how to shoot videos and my work is okay also as desk clerk.)

No complaints

During this interview, he was on duty from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at the MIYH as night shift desk clerk. Early in the morning the following day, he would go home to wife Osita and spend a few hours with their two kids, then back to work again.

Despite long hours on the road or in the office with varied tasks (as messenger or clerk), you won't hear this hero in the workplace complain about it. Nito is one good-humored guy from Samar who has a ready smile and light banter for friends and colleagues.

However, he also joins the plea of the small workers for an increase in the minimum wage. Says he: "*Kelangan nang magdagdag ng sahod, kasi talagang kapos na kaming mga maliliit.* (A wage increase is overdue, because small workers like us are in dire straits now.)

He adds that a wage increase will help small earners like him cope with the high cost of living. "*Siyempre, makakabalanse 'yon nang kaunti sa kahirapan.*"

The wage increase, according to Nito, is imperative on account of rising prices of basic commodities and high cost of basic services.

"*Maganda-ganda naman sanang pasuweldo saka mga benepisyo—*PhilHealth, Pag-ibig*—para naman makasabay kami at ng mga katulad kong driver sa takbo ng buhay*." (We are hoping for a bit of good pay and some benefits ... so we can keep up with the times.)

Dream to improve

To his fellow drivers at work, he has this to say: "*Magsipag para masiyahan ang amo, at patuloy na mangarap. Mangarap para gumanda ang buhay, di 'yong parang kampante na sa kasalukuyang kalagayan na lamang.*" (Be hardworking, so that your employer will be pleased, and keep on dreaming. Dream to improve your status in life, not to stagnate where you are.)

Nito himself dreams of the day when he can pursue a course in business management and put up a small enterprise. "*Bukod sa marunong kang mag-drive, marunong ka pang magnegosyo. Sa gayon, gaganda talaga ang buhay mo, lalo na kung maitatama mo.*" (Aside from being good in driving, you will also be good in doing business. You will surely attain the good life if you do things right.)

(Do you know of other "unsung heroes" in your company? They too can be featured in this section. E-mail your suggestions to peopleatwork @inquirer.com.ph.)

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you in balancing the various aspects of your life. There is no point in setting unreachable goals—they tend to result in frustrations.

Tips

If you want to succeed in your work and career:

- Don't just get a job—start a career.
- Do what you love, and love what you do.
- Be the best of what you are, and demand appropriate pay for what you do.
- Seek to improve yourself and aspire to do greater things.
- Plan, review and adjust your career moves as needed.

Manage your personal finances well, because you will need money to live your life to the fullest:

- Improve the quality of your thoughts and beliefs about money.
- Live below your means and don't pretend to be wealthy if you're not.
- Avoid indebtedness at all cost.
- Save as much as you can.
- Invest only in things you know will give you more income.

Take care of your health:

- Your body is the temple of your spirit.
- You need healthy body, mind and spirit to live a full life.
- Avoid the Sweet, Oily and Salty (SOS)
- Have ample exercise.
- Rest your body and your mind often.

As a social being, you have responsibility to maintain peace and harmony with others:

- Seek first to understand, forgive and give.
- Learn to synergize and work well with others.
- Always honor your commitments to your family and friends.
- Join professional organizations and enhance your knowledge.
- Don't magnify small problems—resolve them quickly.

Enhance your spirituality and find deeper meaning in your life:

- Connect everything you do with your noble purpose in life.
- Thite and support the religious.
- Share your blessings with the needy and less fortunate.
- Spend time and effort to uplift the spirit, well being or livelihood of the poor.
- Do your share in evangelizing when you can.

More to life

If you look closely at the tips above, you will realize that you don't have to go far to be able to find venues for activities in nonwork aspects of your life. Your work is often the place to achieve greater balance in your life.

Some companies are aware that employees need to engage in activities that dwell with the other aspects of their lives and tend to provide proper venue for these. For instance, large companies have religious or spiritual activities for employees, encourage employee volunteerism so that they can help the needy, have sports and health programs, etc.

Truly, all we have to do is to open our eyes and see before us the opportunities to find true meaning to our existence. Obviously, there is more to life than work.

I am reminded of Sir Isaac Newton who once said, "I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore and diverting myself now and then finding the smoother pebble or a prettier shell while the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."

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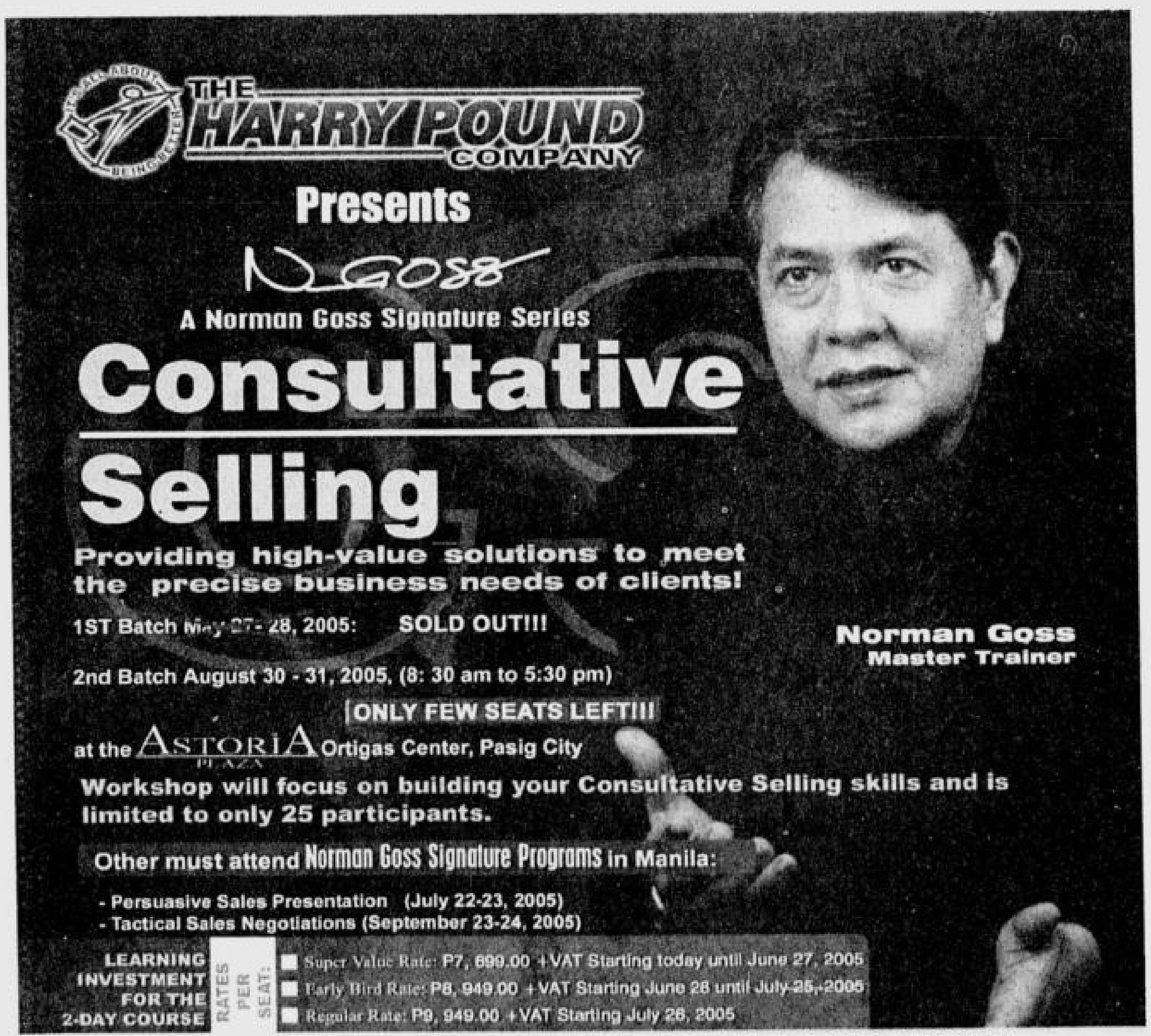

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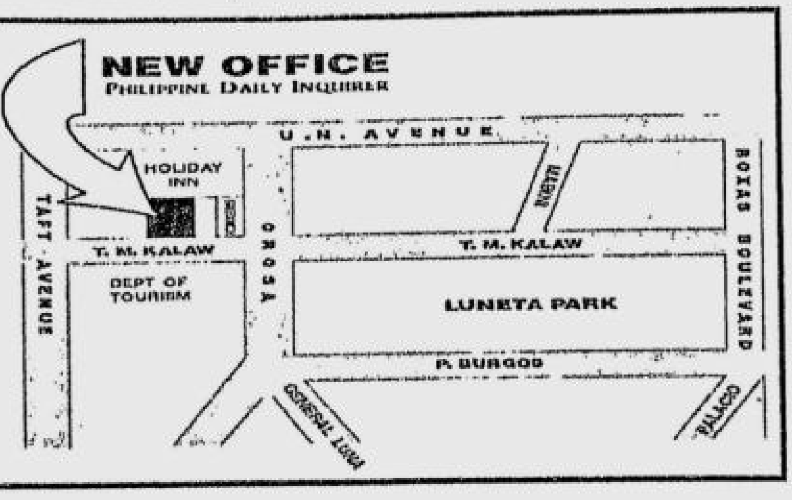

DIET AND PRODUCTIVITY

Can an apple a day earn you higher pay?

By Candy G. Villanueva
Contributor

LUIS is a junior manager in marketing media. By 7:30 a.m., he is out of the door with barely enough time to grab a power bar for breakfast. He thinks it's more than enough to sustain him for the day. En route to work, he makes a quick stop to the nearest café for a double dose of caffeine to-go. When he gets to the office for a meeting, he's all charged up. Fifteen minutes into the meeting the effects of caffeine start to lose its hold and suddenly, he's sleepy and tired. In a few more minutes, the sugar rush from the candy bar takes a dive, and Luis is suddenly irritable. His solution? He calls for more coffee. Mercifully, lunch break soon rolls in. But Luis only has time to munch on a greasy burger from the cafeteria while he works on his reports. By the end of the day, hunger, stress, caffeine overload, a fast-approaching deadline and a lost account all combine for the makings of a burnout, or worse, a breakdown.

It's not a horror story. It's a scenario that most of us are all too familiar with—one that arises from a bad diet and a toxic lifestyle. Many of us are caught up in the demands of work that we neglect the fact that a good diet can affect our work performance and productivity. It may sound far-fetched, but if you really come to think of it, an apple a day may earn you a promotion or higher pay.

Feeding knowledge

Our body benefits from a diet rich in nutrients. With the proliferation of fast food joints, vending machines and "to-go" food, we often take for granted the benefits of fruits and vegetables in our meals and later on complain about stress, indigestion and fatigue. According to the Dole Nutrition Institute (DNI), "poor diet and inactivity are projected to overtake smoking as the leading cause of preventable death. Diets high in refined sugar, processed carbohydrates, saturated and trans-fats add up to too many calories and too few nutrients."

DNI notes that the link between food and health presents a great challenge in our time. Many are still unaware that high fiber, low-fat and complex carb diets rich in fruits and vegetables are fundamental to a rosy career and ultimately, a wonderful life.

Mark del Rosario of Dole Philippines Inc. says that battling stress is as easy as feasting on bell peppers. He joins the National Institute of Health and the Nutrition Research Institute of Department of Science and Technology in promoting fruits and vegetables to maximize brain performance and increase stamina.

Brain foods

In the workplace, the brain is one of our greatest assets. Unfortunately, it is a common belief that we only use about 10 percent of our brain. If we only get to use a small fraction, we might as well take full advantage by eating right.

The University of Iowa Health Science Relations claim that Vitamin B5 is brain food that forms coenzymes that helps in transmission of nerve impulses. Vitamin B5 can be found in fruits and vegetables. Folic acid in bananas, orange juice, lemons, strawberry, cantaloupe and leafy vegetables is also essential for the metabolism of long-chain fatty acids in the brain.

According to Del Rosario, blackberries, strawberries and blueberries enhance memory and brain development. "They may delay the onset of age-related recollection deficiency by improving motor skills and by reversing the short-term memory loss that comes with aging. In my case, that equation says berries are 'berry good for you!' "

Berries also assist in fighting free radicals. Nutrients that work as antioxidants work best for the brain because it is very susceptible to free radical damage. "Free radical damage is implicated in cognitive decline and memory loss as people age and is thought to be a leading cause of Alzheimer's disease," explains Hara Estroff Marano of Psychology Today.

Stress busters

If we want our brain to perform at its optimum, we need to be in tip-top shape as well. Our physical condition greatly affects our performance at work. At the very least, everyone should have some protection against sickness. As everyone knows, Vitamin C strengthens our antibodies. In addition to ascorbic acid, supplement it with dark green lettuces, citrus fruits and juices, kiwi, broccoli, cauliflower, cantaloupe, papayas, strawberries, tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, kale, collard greens, and sweet potatoes. The beauty of these sources is that they have other benefits as well. Cauliflower, for instance, is rich in folic acid which helps delay the graying of hair brought about by aging and work-related stress.

The B vitamin also protects our body from the free radical damage of stress. Bananas, orange juice, asparagus, mushrooms, lettuce, broccoli, spinach, papaya and potatoes are good sources of the B vitamins.

Del Rosario has another solution against stress. "Bell pepper (Capsicum) lowers the body's triglyceride level (cholesterol) and triggers the release of endorphins. Endorphins cause the person to be lighthearted and blissful. As Reese Witherspoon in Legally Blonde would place it, "endorphins make you happy!" Thus, it is a perfect stress buster."

Fighting fatigue

Aside from stress, fatigue is another work enemy. Most of us give in like wilted asparagus even before the workday ends. For added energy, stock up on asparagus, beans, papaya, legumes, citrus fruits/juices and dark leafy greens like spinach. These fruits and vegetables are rich in folic acid, another B vitamin that can increase energy levels.

Another B vitamin, biotin, can also help alleviate fatigue because it plays a crucial role in the production of energy in the body. So if you want to be up and running most of the time, include avocadoes, raspberries and cauliflowers into your diet.

Bananas are also known as energy fruits. According to the Dole Nutrition Institute, bananas are the perfect snack, providing a good source of fiber and complex carbohydrates that are broken down slowly to provide lasting energy. Similarly, pineapples and the citrus varieties are good sources of energy. "Broccoli and Carrots, on the other hand, are good sources of beta-carotene (Vitamin A) that aid our immune system in keeping us in tip-top condition," adds Del Rosario.

Five-a-day

Some complain that they can barely keep track of their meetings and deadlines; how can they possibly keep track of their diet on top of their impossible schedule? Dole suggests the simple five-a-day program. It simply means eating between five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables everyday. The Institute explains that along with physical activity and maintaining a healthy weight, eating five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables a day promotes good health and reduces the risk of cancer, heart disease, hypertension, stroke, diabetes and other chronic diseases.

To stick to the five-a-day program, start with a glass of 100-percent fruit juice in the morning. That means powdered juice is out. Then, have a banana or an apple with your breakfast. Instead of rushing through lunch, have a large salad with a leisurely meal. Instead of overdosing on caffeine during coffee breaks, munch on celery sticks or baby carrots. For dinner, consider broccoli or spinach with your steak. Finally, have a mango for dessert. If the hungry bug bites you before bedtime, snack on dried fruits like raisins or plums.

On the go

The five-a-day program sounds simple enough but still many protest that they only have time to eat in the middle of traffic. On the contrary, those always on the go can still eat right. "Bananas are very handy to carry anywhere. They are less acidic than most fruits and are capable of providing the body that sudden boost of energy needed to cope with our daily activities. In terms of vegetables, a pack of (mix) leafy salad greens is a "quick fix" to one's sudden craving," suggests Del Rosario.

Skipping meals are never encouraged. But for those who do sometimes, fruits and vegetables with low levels of sourness (banana, papaya, asparagus, lettuce, broccoli and peas) are ideal. According to Del Rosario, high acid inducing fruits and vegetables cause our digestive tract to be acidic. "It is suggested that we eat these types of fruits and vegetables after a hearty meal to avoid any discomforts while making a presentation or during gossip time with your boss."

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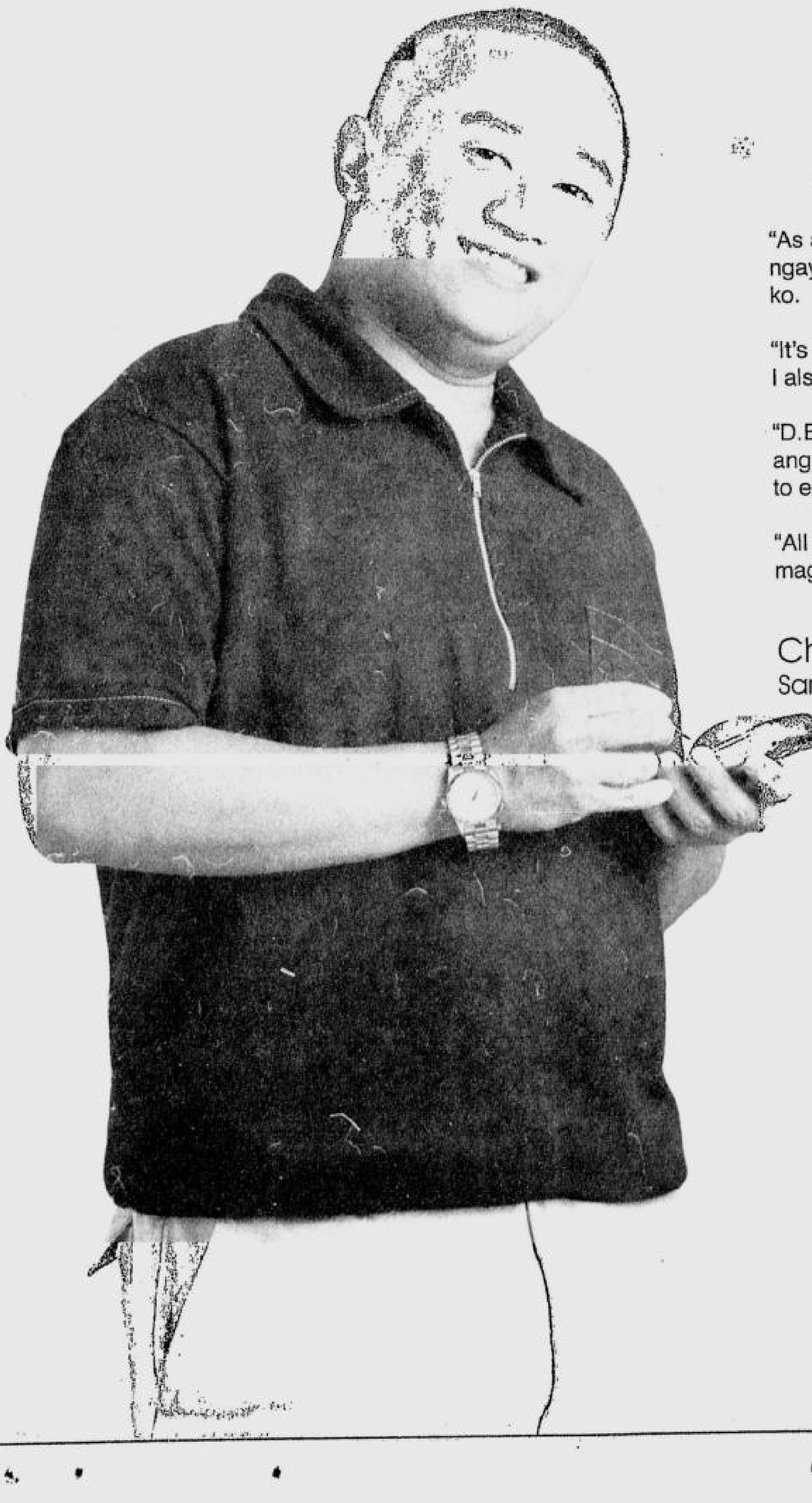

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‘Is there more to life than just work?’

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ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

I HAVE been working with a large Filipino company for over 20 years now. With my job (now as supervisor), I was able to provide my family and myself the good things in life—house, car, good education and even a few luxuries.

I can't complain about my career, but I'm beginning to look for a deeper meaning in my work. I spend the greater part of my walking hours at work, but it seems that I am missing something in my life. Honestly, I don't want to leave my job, as I am happy with it. Sometimes, I might experience some burnout, but the overall feeling is that I can't find meaning and overall satisfaction.

I am not looking for another job—I like my present job and employer. Can you help me understand why I am feeling this way and give me tips to find more meaning in my work and life?

Anxious for Meaning

It is common for career persons to experience minor "midlife crises" like burnout, feeling of emptiness, need to feel greater meaning in what one does, and similar other situations. This kind of awakening can at best be interesting, and at worst, be debilitating to one's life and career, if not properly handled.

I have seen quite a number of employees who, after working long years in a company, have been conditioned to think that their whole life is their work. Some would continue their daily routine of going to the company even after their retirement. Others who had been dissuaded from doing so were greatly affected physically and mentally, resulting in rapid deterioration of their self-esteem and health. A few simply passed away with a feeling of uselessness.

Other aspects of life

In reality, work or career is only one of the many aspects of one's life. There are other aspects of a person's life that are equally important as his work—health, financial, social (including family) and spiritual aspects. One can even break these down into several categories or subclassifications. What is important to emphasize here is that there is more to life than just work.

Most people who have lived fuller lives have been able to maintain some amount of balance among these many aspects of life. Maintaining a balance does not mean giving equal time for all these aspects or being able to excel in all of these. I don't think it is a fair expectation for any mortal to do that.

It is important that we realize that, firstly, life has many aspects. Secondly, other people whose lives we touch will have varying expectations on how we live our own life in these various aspects. Thirdly, we can set our own goals and expectations of ourselves in each of these aspects of life, if we want to know if there is greater meaning in our life.

Purpose gives meaning

I don't want to sound philosophical or religious, but meaningful lives are purpose-driven lives. In any aspect of life, it is easier to determine whether or not you are succeeding or experiencing some meaning if you know your purpose. You can do some soul searching and develop a simple overall statement of what you think is your purpose in life.

A purpose like this seems noble enough: "to live life to the fullest and share my life with the needy and deserving, through teaching, outreach, and friendship."

That statement can be your overriding purpose in everything you do, in every aspect of your life. In addition, you need to make your goals for each of the various aspects, ensuring that each goal is meant to help you achieve your overall purpose in life. Interestingly, a simple way to find out one's purpose in life is to write one's own epitaph.

Balance

The key to living life to the fullest is in achieving a desired balance in the various aspects of life. You have to write and constantly review your goals to ensure that there is some balance in your life. Whenever necessary and based on your actual performance, you can scale down or increase your expectations of yourself in one aspect or the other. Since it is your life, you are in the best position to peg those goals to reasonable but meaningful levels.

There is a danger in setting goals based on other people's actual performance or expectations. Do not be influenced by others—let your own conscience and conviction guide

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A driver on the right road

By Litz Lorena
Contributor

UNSUNG HEROES AT WORK

JUANITO Celada does what he has to as a driver. This makes him a dependable ally to his boss. But he also looks forward to the day when he can do what he wants to, which is to own a business "to stay on the road."

Juanito (aka "Nito") prepares for a day's work "like a boy scout," attends to his tasks promptly, and subscribes to a work ethic that upholds the tradition of selflessness. When duty calls, his time for personal concerns takes the backseat.

"Any time *na kelangan ako ng boss ko, nanduon ako, hanggang sa matapos ang lakad.*" (Any time that my boss needs me, I'd be there, and stay throughout.)

His work discipline is simple: "*Sa araw at oras ng pasok, dapat nanduon ka. Ang kasunduan, pahalagahan; ang usapan, sundin.*" (Be prompt at work. Keep your word, and fulfill your promise.)

"A driver must always keep his motor vehicle in good running condition," says Nito. "*Ihanda ang mga kelangan sa pagmamaneho. I-check up lahat para di ka masira sa usapan.* (Prepare the things you need. Make sure everything is okay, so that you won't lose face.)

Busy bosses

He works as family driver to a busy couple in the civil society: Agriwatch national president and PDI contributor-columnist Ernesto Ordoñez and wife Sylvia, both active social entrepreneurs.

His main duty is driving for Ms Ordoñez who is the executive director of the Center for Asia Pacific Women in Politics, a regional nongovernment organization based in Metro Manila and holds office at the Manila International Youth Hostel (MIYH) along Roxas Blvd. in Paranaque City. She also runs the MIYH and the training programs of the Capwip Institute for Gender, Governance and Leadership (CIGGL). In addition to these outfits, she also co-manages the MJ Properties, owner of an exclusive subdivision in Baguio City that promotes "condotel" units.

CELADA (second from left) with friends.

On account of the numerous activities of his boss, it is not unusual for Nito to work beyond eight hours a day.

When work is heavy, his day usually starts at 6 a.m. and ends at past midnight. This routine could go for several days, especially so when trainings are going on at CIGGL and field trips are scheduled. Urgent business activities likewise require overtime work.

"*Ibig sabihin niyan, halos hindi mo na alam kung kailan ire-relax and katawan mo.*" (On busy days, you have no time to relax even if

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How do you write an effective cover letter?

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I've always thought cover letters were a waste of paper. But recently, I talked to a friend who said that he hired someone based totally on what they said in their cover letter. Am I off base?

Not Covered

Have you heard of "The Swan"? It's a show where people get plastic surgery and then compete in a beauty contest. Of the 17 contestants, all of them had tooth veneers and most had liposuction, forehead lifts, nose jobs, lip and breast augmentation. One surgeon on the show even remarked that many of the contestants bore a certain resemblance to each other.

That surgeon's comment can also apply to the hiring process at most companies. Most of the candidates begin to look alike. That's where a cover letter can really help; you can use it as an opportunity to really grab their attention make yourself stand out from the crowd. I've outlined some strategies for making a cover letter work for you. For more, check out Brenda Greene's book, "Get the Interview Every Time" Dearborn, 2004), which is based on interviews with HR directors for Fortune 500 companies.

Do you keep it brief, error free and accurate? I knew an HR director who would allow each applicant one typo or misspelling on a cover letter or resumé. After that, he would immediately toss it. It's easy to be accurate in a resumé, because they tend to stay pretty similar from application to application. But you've got to carefully check and recheck each cover letter, which can change more dramatically from job to job.

Do you say what job you are seeking? Have you ever seen a hiring manager's desk? Often, they are covered with cover letters and resumés. To ensure that you don't end up in the wrong pile, list the job for which you are applying at the beginning of both your cover letter and resumé.

Do you provide all pertinent contact information? Include both a phone number and e-mail address on your resumé and cover letter. Make it easy for them to find you.

Can you tell them why you are the perfect person for the job? If you have experience in the job, then show them what you can offer. This takes time and effort to do it briefly and succinctly, but it's worth it in order to separate yourself from the rest of the field. Sure this can be a risk, but given how many people line up for jobs these days, it's usually a risk worth taking.

Do you show them you've done your homework? Give them a bit of information that shows that you did your homework on the company.

Do you highlight your accomplishments in short paragraph? Most of the cover letter should be looking forward, but a brief look in the rear view mirror can allow you the chance to establish your experience and credentials.

Follow these tips and your cover letter will help you swan dive right into an interview.

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com online ballot: Which best describes your feelings about cover letters?

—A waste of paper, 17.2 percent

—Another hoop to jump through, 36.3 percent

—An essential tool, 46.3 percent

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The ‘Jesus rest’

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

IN TRYING to know about the behavior of workers, I was told that many, particularly those in the developed countries, work hard and save money to spend for some weeks of their yearly rest and recreation or R & R. Some even spend vacation in famous tourist spots in various parts of the world. However, many Filipino migrant workers toil so hard and earn good money for years in order first of all, to provide the basic necessities of food, clothing, shelter and education for their children. Then, they save the rest of the money, invest it in a business or use it to acquire properties such as a beautiful house, etc. This—for some hardworking Filipino migrants and other workers—seems to be another way of rest and recreation—enjoying the company of the family and making sure the family members are given everything they need.

Jesus presents yet another kind of R & R from a backbreaking work. He invites everyone to "come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." I have met many workers who make the habit of either going to Mass during lunch breaks or visiting the Blessed Sacrament after work. They testify that doing so make them feel reinvigorated for their work. There are others who could not go to churches but make the habit of "resting with Jesus" simply by being aware of His presence at regular intervals during work. Practicing this kind of "Jesus rest" at work will make the worker who believes in Jesus feel less exhausted and broken down because Jesus Himself rewards his belief, so to speak, with rest that is deeply meaningful and life-giving. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

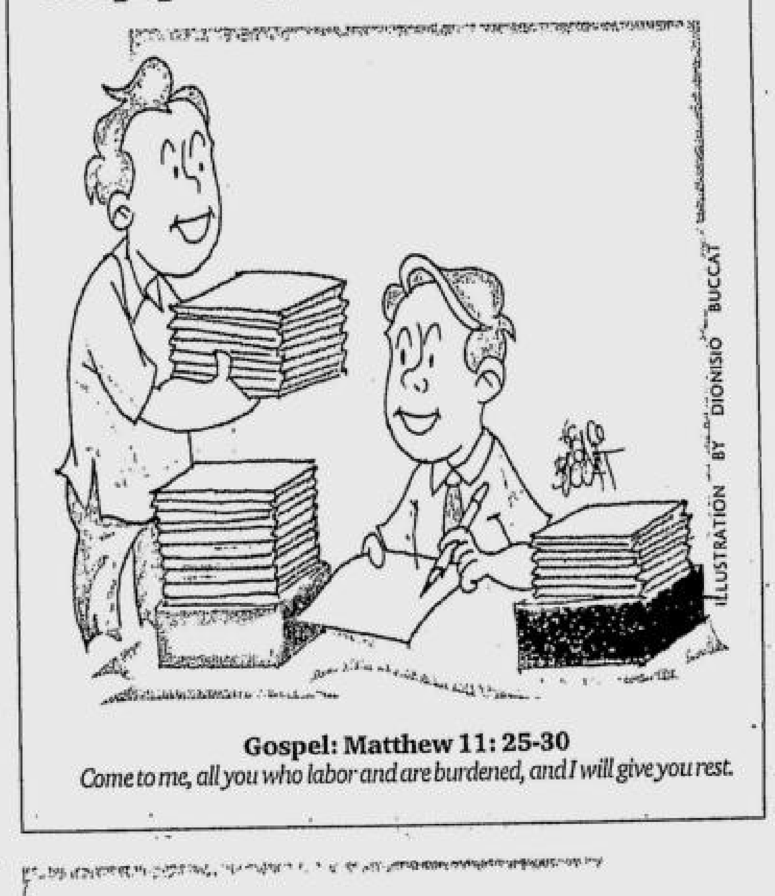
Give friendship a try

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

WHO is the Office Martyr? The "OM"—it's that character in the workplace who serves as catch-all and carry-all of unwanted tasks. Doesn't matter what its gender is—he or she is hardly treated like a human being by coworkers anyway, but only as a fixture, an office equipment, though a curiously indispensable one. Whatever anybody else doesn't feel like bothering about, the OM takes care of, whether or not it's part of his or her job description. (Have you ever heard of that secretary who also repaired a broken toilet flush tank?) Too bad if the OM comes from the rank and file. She may be bypassed at promotions because she's so useful where she is. If the OM is a highly placed official—who wants to own and solve every problem in the office—he will surely be a burnout victim in due time.

Burnout occurs when people don't know when to stop. Being the Office Martyr has its uses—if you know where to draw the line—for it lubricates the system, so to speak. But if the OM merely unwittingly tries to cover up low self-esteem with a greed for credits, that's when the self-destruction we now label as "burnout" begins. But there's a way out of burnout.

Developing a healthy friendship with Jesus helps a lot towards self-control. That Jesus the Friend is invisible all the more gives you strength to recognize your limits and turn over your load to Him. He'll gladly take on your burdens—for hasn't He invited us all to do just that? What are friends for anyway if not to be there for you? So if you truly love yourself, you'll prevent burnout and give this friendship with Jesus a try. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)



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Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30
Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

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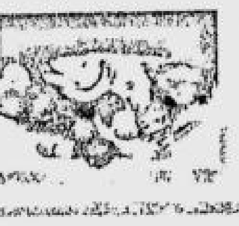

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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

Epy and Boy2 Quizon

They've Got Movies in Their Blood

Two of Dolphy's artistic heirs, a son and a grandson, are making films of a different kind. As they headline the next anti-formula oeuvre by director Peque Gallaga, the Quizon boys talk about creativity, curiosity, and what they've learned from the Comedy King

by Eric S. Caruncho
photographs by Raymund Isaac

Pinoy blondes have more fun: Epy and Boy2 mug for the camera

ARE films the new rock 'n' roll? "Pinoy Blonde" makes a convincing case. Weeks before opening day, the buzz around Peque Gallaga's new film is intense, with a flashy website (www.pinoyblonde.com) and music videos from the likes of the Radioactive Sago Project, Bamboo, Sugarfree and other bands featured on the OST. In fact, the buzz is more like that surrounding a long-awaited album from a cutting-edge new band, than a typical mainstream movie.

"Like no Filipino film you've ever seen before" is the gist of the hype. This might be the usual marketing overkill ("a refreshing departure from stale formula" would have sufficed). But it's always a good sign if the people behind a project are this pumped. To hear its partisans talk, "Pinoy Blonde" just might be the film to defibrillate the Filipino movie industry's atherosclerotic heart and resuscitate its flatlining carcass. Clear! Zap! Thirty c.c.'s of epinephrine straight to the brain stem.

We'll see on opening day. But if anyone can do it, Gallaga can. Remember, this is the guy who had the audacity to explode Kuh Ledesma's head, years before anyone really wanted to ("Oro, Plata, Mata"). He singlehandedly revived the horror and fantasy genres with "Shake, Rattle and Roll" and "Magic Temple." He's already had one go at exploring the dark side of Pinoy blonde-ness ("Gangland"), a box-office flop. He might have better luck this time.

The X-factor would be "Pinoy Blonde's" two leads, the uncle-and-nephew tag team Epy and Boy2 Quizon.

In hindsight, the Quizon boys are the perfect choice for winning over a new demographic to Filipino films. As Dolphy's heirs, they're in showbiz, but not of it. At least, not yet. Occasionally, their love life does get reported on in the showbiz press. But they still have a modicum of hip that sets them apart from the run-of-the-mill showbiz squares.

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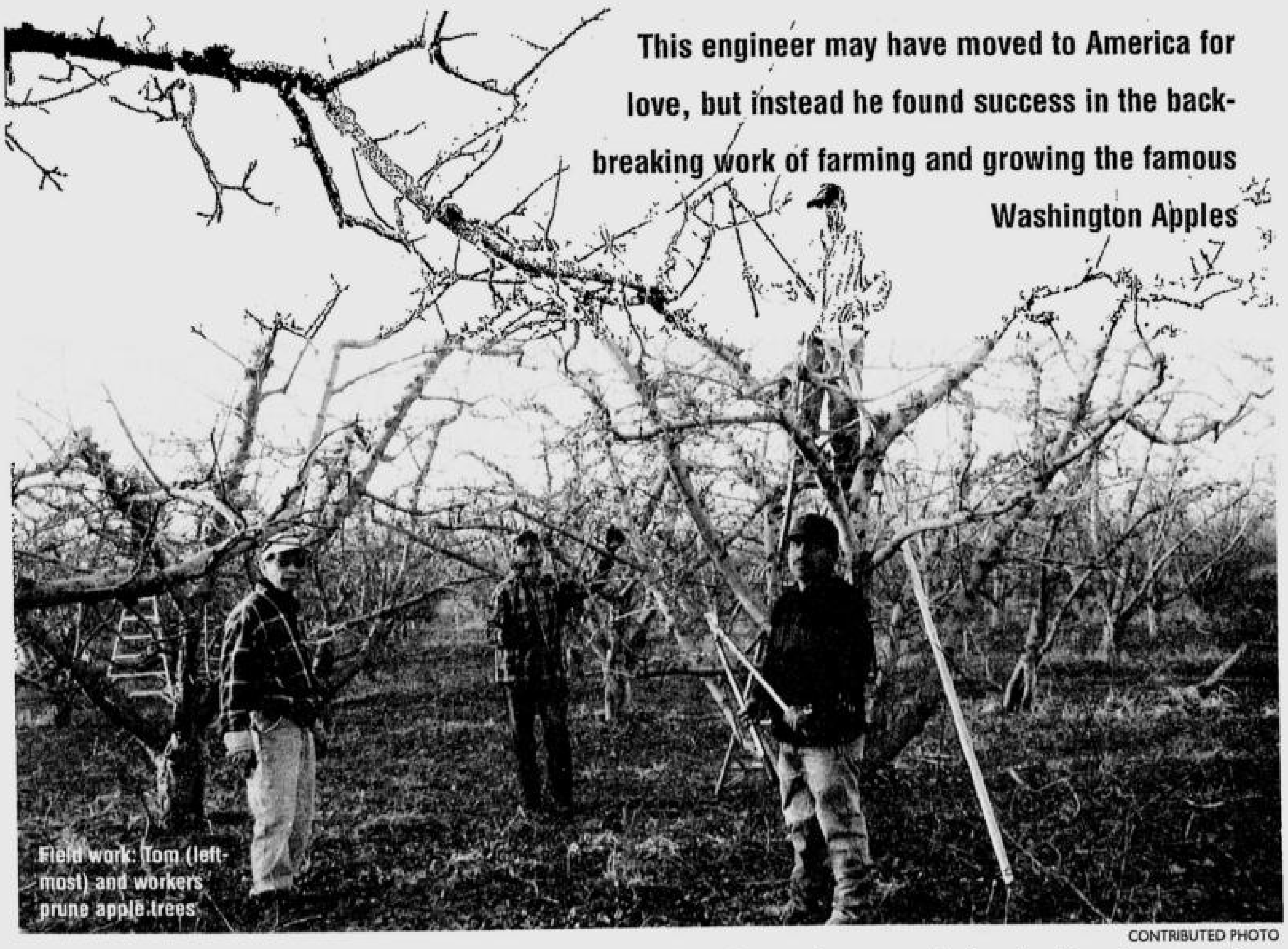
Pinoy Connection

by Mabel Guia Acosta

The Fruits of His Labor



This engineer may have moved to America for love, but instead he found success in the back-breaking work of farming and growing the famous Washington Apples

Field work: Tom (leftmost) and workers prune apple trees

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

UNLIKE most migrants who trek to the United States to seek greener pastures, Tomacito (now Thomas or simply Tom) Silva did so because his heart told him to. It was the '60s, he was young and in love, and he wanted to be with her.

"It was 1965 and I got involved with a young lady from Holy Ghost College," he reounts. "I wanted to marry her, but she had to go to the US to fulfill her parents' dream for their firstborn to study Actuarial Science and go into the insurance business. So I followed her."

Such chivalry and pursuit of passion may seem ideal and fairy tale-like, but there was no happy ending for the couple.

When he left for the US, Tom stayed with his brother in Washington, who was working for Boeing (he retired in March this year). He had wanted to take his masters in engineering at the University of Washington, but Boeing was hiring at that time so Tom got sidetracked. His stint at Boeing immersed him in the American work ethic and culture, and lasted three and a half years.

It was then that he met Lorena Bucsit, who belongs to the early farming pioneers in the Yakima Valley in Washington. The mostly Filipino pioneers hail from the Ilocos Region.

Showcase wedding

"There was an International Club where we were both members," recalls Tom. "I met Lorena during one of the cultural activities. We were taught native dances. You could say we danced our way into each other's heart."

In 1970, the Silva-Bucsit nuptial became one of the grandest weddings in the history of Fil-Ams in Washington. "It was a showcase of a wedding—my parents, uncles, sisters and brothers all came to Washington to attend," says Tom. "We had 750 guests at the reception held at the then Olympic Hotel in Seattle. Four priests officiated the ceremony."

Indeed, Tom Silva has come a long way from his bucolic roots in Sta. Maria, Baliwag, Bulacan. Born in 1943, he was the fifth of eight children of businessman/town councilor Filemon Javier Silva and Felisa Tagalag Tolentino. His parents met when pre-nursing student Felisa tended to Filemon, who had rheumatic fever. She nursed him back to health and love blossomed from there.

Tom graduated from the Sta. Barbara Elementary School and spent his high school years at the Baliwag Junior College.

He pursued a General Engineering course at the University of Sto. Tomas, but later transferred to De la Salle University, where he graduated with a BS Chemical Engineering degree in 1963. That same year he took and passed the board. The certified engineer's reckless abandon found him and a childhood friend holding the record for christening Highway 54 (now Edsa) at the corner of Shaw Boulevard with its first vehicular accident.

"We were drag racing and the red two-door 1955 Chevy turned turtle. Those were the days," he recalls.

Tom's first job was at a trading company, after which he found himself at Industrial Chemical Inc. where he practiced his profession to the fullest. The next year, he began his life in America."

Soon enough, Tom became part of the Yakima Valley Filipino Community, which put together the first Filipino Hall in the US in the 1970s. It provided Filipinos a place where they can socialize without fear of being mocked or denigrated. It still exists today.

His union with the former Lorena Bucsit was blessed with two sons who are in the Information Technology field. Tom proudly shows off a picture of his first granddaughter every chance he gets.

Hard work

Although Tom's story paints an overall picture of success, the road he took was far from easy.

"When my father- in-law passed away, I was in Los Angeles, working for a coffee company," he narrates. "But I had to go back to Washington to take over the farming business which he ran. At that time the farm was devoted to vegetables. It was very hard work. After every harvest, you have to replant. And I literally got sick and tired of it. That's when we decided to plant apples instead."

The choice of apples over the tedious and seasonal vegetables was easy. In three years, the family was able to plant 10,000 apple trees in the 100-acre patch of land. At the same time, they planted Concord grapes, the kind used in jams, jellies and juices.

" It was not an easy task planting by hand, irrigating, weeding, hoeing, and harvesting from a field of 80-100 acres," says Tom. "We were known in our region for our industry. We really still do everything by hand. And you're on all fours, pulling out weeds, making sure they're not overtaking the plants."

From the apple twigs that grew to produce 20 to 30 boxes of apples, to a family enterprise that gave birth to the Washington Apples brand that is locally available—the staggered replanting of plants on vegetable land has apparently paid off.

"I'm a small operator," says Tom modestly. "Sometimes, we still tend to the farm ourselves and do the picking. I remember the time when I planted and picked, while my kids and even some of our friends helped during harvest time. It's still a family operation."

When the Silvas took over the farming, Tom also set up his Engineering Consulting Firm to practice his trade. A family friend, the late County Commissioner Angus McDonald, who knew of his consultancy work, asked him to come see him at the courthouse, as he needed a technical engineer to take care of the air pollution problem.

"It kind of worked hand-in-hand," says Tom. "I had a farming and environmental consultancy, which used my expertise. I took the job, although there was not much pay in it."

Discrimination

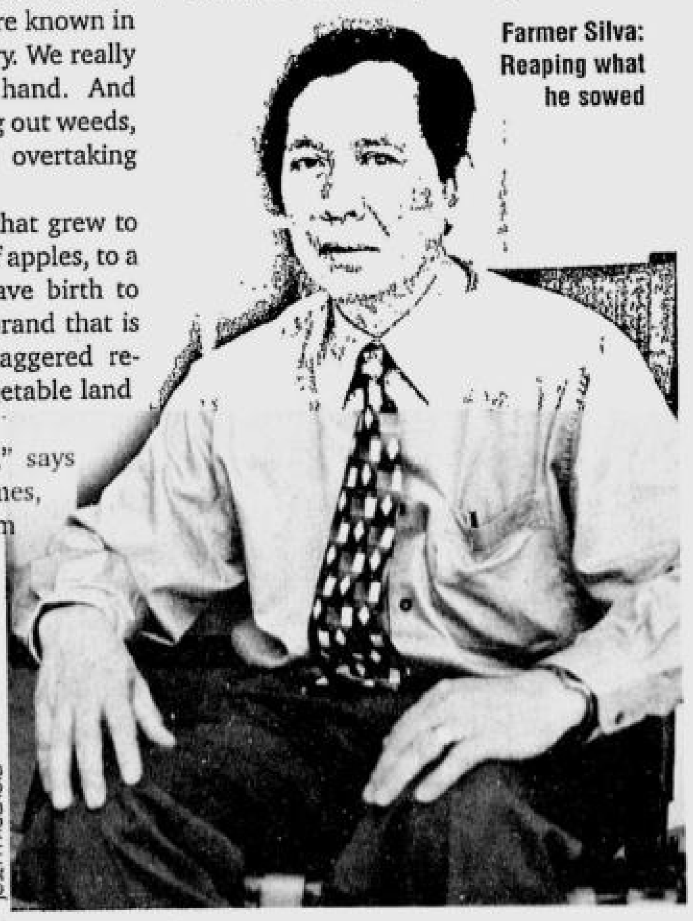
Farmer Silva was at the same time working for the county government as an Air Quality Specialist and eventually became the director of the Yakima Clean Air Authority—a regulatory agency as far as problems with air pollution is concerned. "At that time people were not aware of air pollution and my task was to make them conscious of the problem. The Clean Air Act had just been enacted which gave more teeth to the agency. My job was to plant the seeds of awareness in our region."

While he admits that both jobs have their share of challenges, he found that dealing with people was the most trying, especially for a migrant. "Reactions like, 'Why is this guy telling us what to do?' were common. But I'm protected by the US Constitution against racial discrimination. It was basically knowing your rights and knowing how to shove it in their faces. But if I wasn't protected by that law, I wouldn't have had a chance."

Tom describes himself as 50-50 Filipino and American in culture, but always a Filipino at heart. "I know who I am and what I am. The cause of my people, the cause that I grew up with and that I remember during my formative years—you can never take that away from me."

Admittedly, he doesn't have a lot of resources but he is looking into opportunities that would allow him to basically improve the lives of his *kababayans*—a way of giving something back.

Truly, this late-blooming apple picker has learned a key lesson from his trade: You shall reap what you sow.



Farmer Silva: Reaping what he sowed

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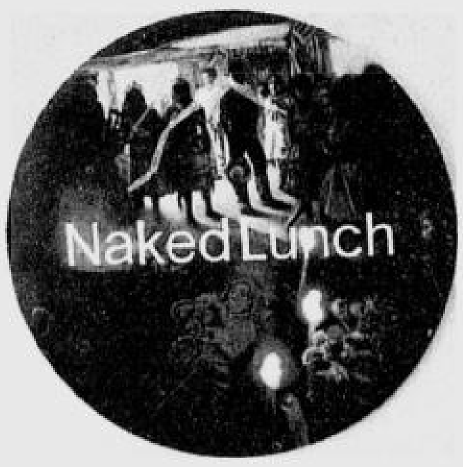


COLLABORATIVE EXHIBIT The husband-and-wife artist tandem of Wire Tuazon and Katrina Miranda is mounting "The Country Outing" at Finale Art Gallery in Megamall until July 5. The collaborative exhibit conveys the parallel developments of the couple outside the designated sphere of experimental imagery and semantic landscapes. In photo is Tuazon's "Naked Lunch." *For more of This Week, see page 7*

Acacia

These branches,
Slender and fragile at the tips
From ever lengthening
To gather the brightened sky
With this mesh of leaf and wood,
Solidly hold themselves up
Despite their heavy weight.

This heavy opulence carries space
The way a dancer
Extends an arm
And a curved leg
In silent strength.
Drawing itself up from the dark, formless ground,
It pulls the moist soil
Into rigid, upright form.
As a reward, it is gilded
In Apollo's royal clothing,
Daylight sparkling
In each meeting place of bark and light.

Yet the leaves that fall from the sky,
Suffused with the drab color of soil,
Are dry, and brittle,
Tired, at last, and seeking refuge
In warm dissolution.
But the sky is for those
Who can lift themselves from the ground,
And set blood afire
By following each step
Of daylight's intangible dance.

To don God's royal clothes,
One only has to turn skin into gold
By bathing in his scalding love.
But to take God's form,
One must dip the body into the biting flame,
And turn flesh,
Like the phoenix,
Into weightless light.

Monica S. Macansantos

An Evening of Life's Best

Seen mingling among others was ubiquitous director Robbie Carmona

It's no secret that when you sign up for a SMART Infinity plan, you are signing up for more than just the most prestigious wireless post-paid plan available. Aside from the latest and most sophisticated handsets for you to choose from, plus the dedicated SMART Infinity account managers assigned to you, you are also signing up for a lifestyle enjoyed only by the privileged few.

Small wonder SMART Infinity subscribers are extremely pleased with the treatment they receive; it's nothing short of the 5-star treatment with perks that the world's bon vivants are accustomed to. And with more and more of the country's movers and shakers signing up for a plan, it is clear that SMART Infinity has the Midas touch when it comes to satisfying and meeting the standards of its discerning subscribers.

Just recently, SMART Infinity subscribers were invited to a special evening to preview the latest collection of Louis Vuitton at its posh Greenbelt 4 boutique. Complete with a string quartet serenading the guests with classic pieces, the créme de la créme of Manila society were endlessly pampered by SMART Infinity as 4 different kinds of champagne flowed throughout the evening. The men looked dapper in their suits while the women opted for the classic look, some of them even punctuating their attire with a Louis Vuitton accessory. Pleasantries were exchanged throughout the evening while roving waiters served the mingling guests a medley of mouth-watering canapés and desserts, creating a wonderful ambiance in the boutique.

"Our customers deserve only the best life has to offer", said Tom Valderrama, Brand Manager for SMART Infinity. "This rare event with one of the world's leading luxury brands demonstrates our commitment to deliver nothing less", he added.

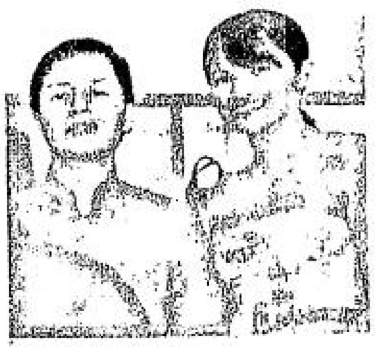
Suffice it to say that this particular evening had all the hallmarks of a high-brow cocktail party, thus making the evening a truly classy, Infinity affair.

Left to right: Olga M. Azarcon, Johnny Litton, Tom Valderrama, Ces Drilon, Rhea De Vera, David Nugent with Ipe Cruz

Guests admire a Louis Vuitton creation

Rosanne Prieto and Tina Tinio

A toast!: Wine Consultant Yves Remondeulaz and Olga M. Azarcon



Patrick Reyno and Tessa Dragon

Music entertainment in the boutique

4 kinds of champagne were served

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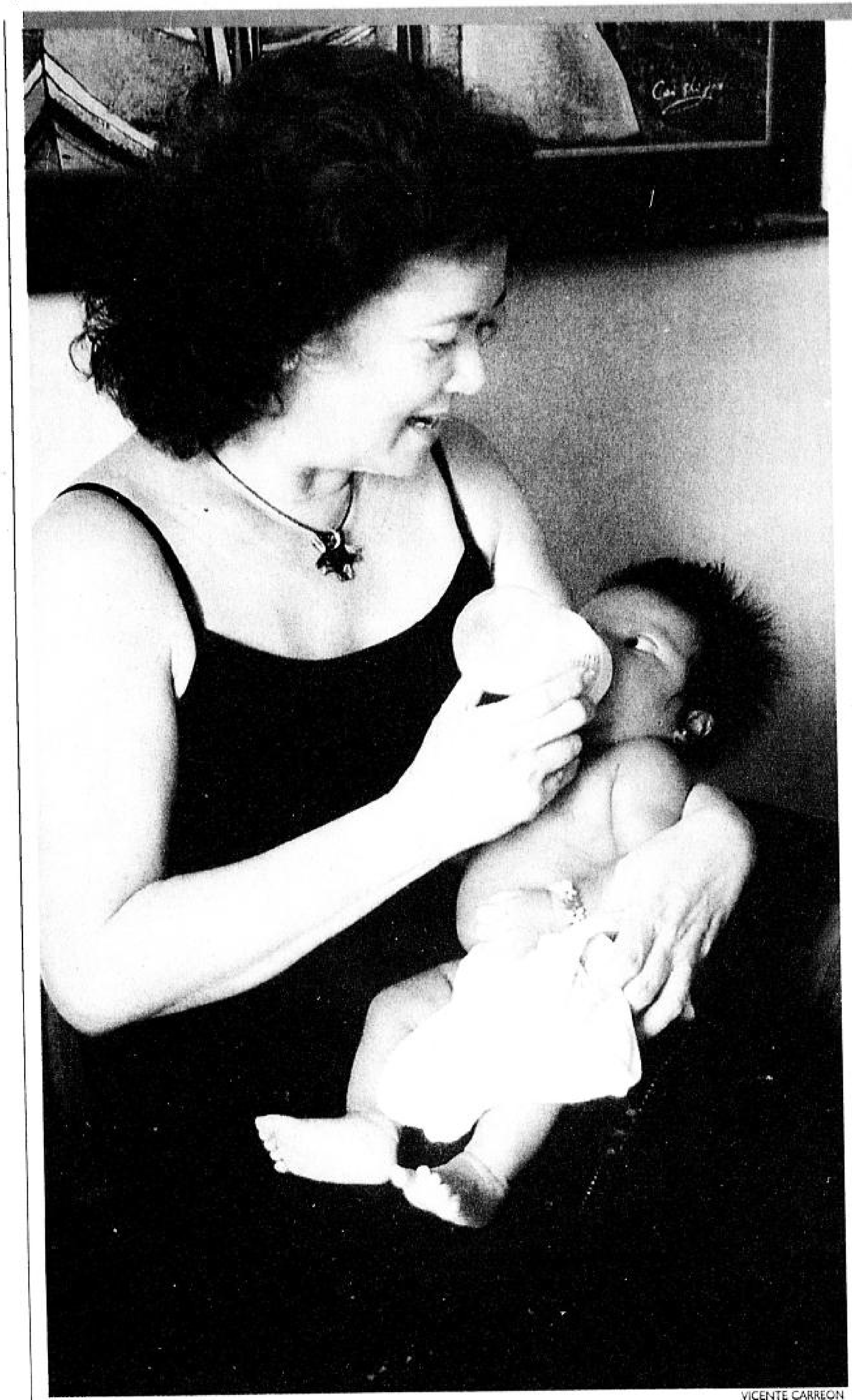

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For A Cause

by Corazon A. Ong

She Gives Unwanted Babies the Love They Badly Need

Counselor Marianne de Leon helps people heal their spirits, but she takes a more hands-on approach for those who need care most urgently—as a foster mother for abandoned children

MARIA Ana "Marianne" de Leon is a woman of many talents. She is a superb cook, an artist, a gardener, a holistic counselor and a foster mom—all of which, she says, are but expressions of her own evolution to being one with the universe. She pursues things without any expectation. "When one lives a life of no expectation, then each moment becomes a true present; a moment which has a gift in its hand."

Indeed, the gifts keep coming, starting with the joy and fulfillment she gets from being a foster mother. Apart from raising her three children, she is also mother to unwanted and abandoned kids. An aunt introduced her to foster home care by way of Kaisahang Buhay Foundation, a non-government organization geared towards the adoption of Filipino babies by residents abroad. Most of the children at the Foundation were left there by unwed mothers, while a few were abandoned at birth. Since 1998, when Marianne opened her heart and home to 1-1/2-month-old Christian, the first baby she took under her wing, she has played foster mom to nine children. Her current baby is one-month-old Chamille.

Everything ready

On the average, the child stays with Marianne for four months while the adoption papers are being finalized. But sometimes, like in the case of Aileen who was abandoned when she was a day old, the foster parenting period could stretch to as long as two years.

"I really enjoy babies," Marianne says, adding that it took some time for her to start being a foster mother because she wanted to have everything ready for the baby—from the doctor and the *yaya* to food, clothing and medicine. "Most foster homes in the country are 95 percent subsidized. But I told myself that if I'd extend any help, I'd do so without any subsidy. This way, I'd be financially independent and I don't have to worry when the next subsidy would come—things that could be felt by the baby."

Unwanted or abandoned at birth, these babies are already saddled with negative or bad memories, she notes, so subjecting them to additional worries would be defeating the purpose of giving them a break in life. "My aim is to heal their memories—to make them feel loved and wanted," she explains.

Marianne finished her AB in Child Study at Maryknoll (now Miriam College). She taught a year at the Assumption Convent in Herran, where she finished her primary and secondary schooling. She also taught for one year in Stockton, California, handling Asian and Latino grade schoolchildren and kids with special needs. It was, no doubt, a far cry from the training she had as a child—learning the ABCs and the proper decorum of being a lady. Part of her training was learning how to cook and sew. Every Saturday, she'd stay one hour in the kitchen, mostly observing things. On school breaks and vacation, her kitchen stint became a daily preoccupation.

Heal the spirit

Since 1995, Marianne has also been giving occasional holistic lectures and counseling to child cancer patients and their families at the Philippine General Hospital. "I cannot prescribe medication, of course, but what I do is to help heal the spirit. A human being is made up of three parts: spirit, mind and body. To remain in a state of health, one must maintain a balance of these three. Any dysfunction will show in the body." Her lectures, centering on the art of well-being and anatomy of the spirit, are a mixture of her own views and that of Carolyn Myss, holistic practitioner, medical intuitive and best-selling author of such books as "The Creation of Health" and "Anatomy of the Spirit."

One of Marianne's brother died of leukemia at 13. "I didn't know what was going on because my parents didn't explain to us that he was going to die. It was only because of my inquisitiveness that I found out what leukemia was all about. The rest of the family, including myself, felt neglected because all the attention was on my brother." Having experienced such, she advises the family of a seriously-ill patient, especially the parents, not to exclude other members of the family from knowing the truth and being part of the whole experience.

Back then, Marianne noticed that while the children were undergoing the long chemotherapy session, nothing was being done to ease their boredom, fear or worries. So, she suggested that stuffed toys be provided the kids so they would have something to hug and find comfort in while being treated.

Ever sensitive to the needs of children, Marianne is all for raising kids in a child-friendly home, where the don'ts are kept to a minimum if not totally eliminated. "Do not hit a child because he happens to pick up food that has fallen on the floor. Instead, thoroughly clean the house so food that has fallen on the floor can still be ingested safely. It is not the child's fault if he places his hand into an electrical socket. Rather, see to it that you have securely covered the socket or have placed a tape over it," she advises.

Challenging herself

Marianne is the type of person who keeps challenging herself. "What hinders people from doing things is all in the mind. If one decides that one can do it, then it can be done," she says. Two years ago, her sister Bambi gave her a pot of pitimini (petite or mini roses). Marianne was hesitant at first to take care of it because of her failed experiences as a gardener. "But then I noticed that I was able to keep it alive and make it bloom again and again. I have now branched out into bougainvilleas, forget-me-nots and dama de noche—all loaded with flowers from my balcony. I now know that what hinders people from conquering their frustrations is all in the mind."

Currently, Marianne is shuttling between Sydney and Manila for business and personal reasons. She and Stanley "Brian" Hudson, who is part Irish and part English, are getting married soon. "It is quite an exciting journey. We have been friends for 17 years. Brian says our relationship makes one believe in soul mates. He also loves children. We have had our share of bringing to full bloom our seven children put together."

In finding her soul mate, Marianne says she is further evolving herself while finding such gifts as love, laughter and fulfillment along the way.

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The Artist Abroad

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NEW YORK—The Filipino is nothing if not existentially bound to a network of family, relatives, close friends, godfathers, godmothers, in-laws, etc., one that seems to increase exponentially the higher up you go in the world. Success, as the bad joke goes, is relative: The more worldly success you have, the more relatives (and friends) you suddenly acquire.

The word that best describes this phenomenon is *kamag-anakan. Kamag-anakan* is, as we all know, extraordinarily important in Filipino lives—an importance heightened by the habitual failure of Philippine governments to provide the majority of its citizens with the necessities of human existence: clean water, food, jobs, shelter, education, health services, to go along with our much vaunted freedoms, which don't mean a centavo to the starving classes.

To be alone, or more accurately, to seek to be alone, within a Filipino context—to view the tight embrace of one's *kamag-anak* ambivalently and on occasion as stifling—is to be viewed as odd, a snob, a misanthrope even. As benediction, *kamag-anakan* is wonderful when it plays out just on a local, familial, even neighborhood, level, its safety net there to catch you—a recommendation leading to a job, a loan to tide you over, temporary shelter, etc.—its tradition of hospitality as marvelous as it is generous. Against the broader backdrop of national interest, however, it can and does metastasize into a cancer, with loyalty to the country ending where loyalty to *kamag-anak* begins. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's current predicament is all too familiar: the alleged unethical and illegal behavior of her family dragging her down in the polls (though you could argue quite convincingly tha
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by Jasmine W. Payo

From Hardcourt Star To (Reluctant) Leading Man

Before he became the future Mr. Kris Aquino, James Yap was already doing fine as a PBA player of note, a country boy with a bright future in sports, and a big brother to aspiring players

Yap starred for the UE Red Warriors (left) before suiting up for Purefoods

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THE COACH has a well-meaning reminder: Don't lose your focus, Purefoods tactician Ryan Gregorio tells his rookie player.

The coach's advice couldn't be more timely for James Carlos Yap who has always worked on his game with passion.

Hoping to make it big in pro basketball, Yap is certainly on the right track after making a strong impression in his freshman year as Purefoods' swingman. But the biggest thing that happened to this 23-year-old cager didn't happen on the hard court.

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The news came in a Sunday slam-bang TV revelation: Yap recently hooked up with you-know-who. (Okay, it's Kris Aquino, for those who just stepped out of a monastery.) And Aquino's surprising announcement of their engagement caused so much tabloid frenzy that Yap's phone number is suddenly on every entertainments writer's speed dial.

But Yap—and his manager Dondon Monteverde—have been so elusive these days that it would have been easier to interview President GMA.

"I don't think he'll talk," says Boysie Zamar, Yap's former coach in the University of the East. *"Sobrang mahiyain yun* (he's very shy)."

Shy away

In fact, no ambush interview could get a word out of Aquino's current squeeze. As one story goes, a persistent reporter waited for him after a game but Yap just walked on, appearing to have heard none of the writer's questions.

"He's a misinterpreted person," insists Gregorio. "People mistake his being silent for being a snob. But he's really shy. He has a tendency to shy away from crowds."

So even if his name has become as ubiquitous as Aquino's face in Edsa, Yap is apparently trying to maintain his low profile. And right now, everyone has to be content that Yap is just everywhere but nowhere.

There's no denying, however, that Yap makes his presence felt every time he steps on court.

By the simple numbers, the 6'3" player averages 15.5 points and 5.4 rebounds. He's considered one of the top three-point shooters in the league, and barely misses at the free throw line (fourth-best at 81.9 percent).

As INQUIRER sports columnist Al Mendoza once wrote: "In Yap, you have an explosive natural forward who can win games if he wants to. You will need the likes of the late Ed Ocampo to stop him from scoring baskets at will."

Although Gregorio believes there's still room to fine tune Yap's offensive game, the young mentor is effusive with praises for his controversial ward.

"He's a complete package," notes Gregorio. "He's still working on his shot selection, but I'm sure his improvement will come as the years go by. The way he plays defense also amazes me."

Gregorio, in fact, had long eyed the young shooter. And he had his wish when Purefoods selected Yap as the second overall pick in the 2004 PBA draft.

"Two months before the draft, I had already decided that I was picking James no matter what," Gregorio reveals. "I've seen him in college and in the PBL and he really has this ability to score."

For Yap, it was the most thrilling experience of his career. On top of that, he got the longest contract and the biggest paycheck among the rookies—an P11-million agreement spread over three years and nine months.

"Joining the PBA is the fulfillment of my longtime dream," he said in a previous INQUIRER interview. "I tell myself, *wala akong pupuntahan kung hindi sa baba* (I have nowhere to go but down). So I practice a lot, discipline myself and really play my best."

This hoop dream, though, all started in Escalante, Negros Occidental. Born on Feb. 15, 1982, Yap grew up a very athletic kid. "We live near the town plaza," he shared in that earlier interview. "Everyday, my friends and I would play at the plaza's basketball court."

But it took a while before Yap played in an organized league. At Mt. Carmel School in Negros Occidental, there was no varsity basketball squad for eager elementary students like him.

"I joined the baseball team instead," shared Yap, who took on numerous sports including volleyball, soccer, football and track and field. "It was fun. That year, the school even sent us to compete in the Palarong Pambansa."

Most valuable player

Yap then moved to the Chinese Commercial High School in Iloilo City, where he gained a lot of exposure. Soon, he got Manila-based college scouts flying south after winning the Most Valuable Player award in the National Secondary cage championship in 2000.

It was the University of the East, how-

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Imagine a Philippine presidency unfettered by blood and regional ties. No in-laws to designate as ambassadors to desirable foreign posts, no cousin to head the armed forces, no siblings to lord it over in Congress, no children to run for office or shield from the law, no padrinos *to award fat contracts to*

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good governance. In his novels, Rizal situated the main impediment to the country's development in the overreaching, greedy, power-mad, feudalistic friars. To him, they were cancerous cells preying on the body politic. And while the institutional Catholic church remains a major stumbling block to civil progress, in my view the cumbersome weight of clan obligations is much more stifling. We all castigate, excoriate, and lament those who wield power, precisely and partly because of all the clan favors called in, but once one of our own rises to the top, we revert to exactly the same behavior that produced such gnashing of teeth and tearing of hair in the first place. So we lurch from crisis to crisis, while the whole nation is encouraged to troop to churches and pray ever more harder. But getting down on one's knees while being screwed makes sense only in a "Last Tango in Paris" S&M scenario. Then again, given our legendary forbearance (and historical amnesia), our proffered willingness as a people to postpone earthly rewards for more heavenly ones—what could be more masochistic than that?

Clearly, *kamag-anakan* is our Gordian knot, and we would be wise to emulate Alexander the Great by cutting out *kamag-anak* from being part of Malacañang. How are we to accomplish this? Simple: First, mandate killing the family and kin of all presidential candidates to the sixth degree. This should effectively reduce the field of candidates to zero, for no politician will wish to run for the presidency under this condition. Second, scour the globe for some mature accomplished individual in excellent health, who was raised as an orphan, has no family to speak of (no kids, no living adoptive parents, no siblings), no professed religion (an atheist would be best) and no ties to the Philippines, or to any Filipino. If the candidate is a male, he must be castrated to ensure no siring of heirs apparent. If female, she should be past childbearing age. The individual will be prohibited from acting as a sponsor at any wedding, or as *ninong/ninang* at any baptism, or otherwise accepting any similar obligation-inducing social ties. Pay the chosen one a yearly salary of 1/10 of 1 percent of the annual budget each year for a full term of six years—enough money to make that person immensely wealthy. At the end of one six-year term, shake that person's hand, bemedal and wish him or her Godspeed, and ban forever that individual from our shores.

Imagine then a Philippine presidency unfettered by blood and regional ties. No in-laws to designate as ambassadors to desirable foreign posts, no cousin to head the armed forces, no siblings to lord it over in Congress, no children to run for office or shield from the law, no *padrinos* to award fat contracts to, no favoring one province over another. If this beggars the imagination, it's merely because it sounds so un-Filipino. But until we have a Filipino willing to completely disavow the clan and instead cast the entire nation in its place, we will have to resign ourselves to having the country poised perpetually on the brink of hell. Manuel Quezon seems to have gotten his wish, but I don't think this is what he intended.

Coda: I learned recently of the senseless murder of Luigi Santiago, shot dead as he played the role of peacemaker in a brawl outside a Makati bar. An upcoming 27-year-old TV director and an alumnus of New York University, where I teach, he was a student of some of my colleagues. The killing (and the wounding of five others, including a policeman) was witnessed by others, and the license plate of the alleged murderer's car noted down. You would think: a straightforward case. But the police have yet to arrest anyone, and have strangely blamed the victim's family for their inaction. Evidently, the killer's privileged status and connections are shielding him. If Santiago, equally privileged, can be killed so brazenly, should we be surprised at the numerous slayings of the less privileged—that of whistleblower Marlene Esperat, for instance, or of the seven striking workers at Hacienda Luisita, or of Bayan Muna coordinators? Such deaths erode our collective sense of humanity, and provide unbearable testimony of how, in the face of an interlocking web of politics, privilege, and kinship, economic and social justice remains a distant dream.

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Love Notes

Joe D'Mango

It Started With a Text Message

I confronted him and told him that if he really loved me, he wouldn't keep me hanging. But he said it was his problem, that he was afraid to get seriously committed again

Dear Joe,

Just call me Pam, now 21 and soon to finish my bachelor's degree in civil engineering. I've always thought of myself as a strong person, that I'd never need help from a man. Maybe it's because my past relationships were all tragic. I said I would never love a guy too much because I would not be able to trust him.

Joe, I never thought that a single text message would ruin all my beliefs about men. The message came from a guy named Jon. I never really had textmates before because I find it a waste of time. But Jon's intelligence and sincerity made me realize how much fun it was to communicate with a total stranger.

Days passed and I found myself asking for his advice on complicated things. He became my second best friend, and, in just a short span of time, he gained my complete trust. He told me that he wanted to see me, but I always refused.

And then there was one time when he called me "honey." From childhood, I told myself that if I had a serious boyfriend, I wanted him to call me "honey." I asked him why he was calling me that, and he said that it was because I was the most special girl for him. I wanted to get mad, but I just couldn't. No matter how hard I tried to get rid of the stupid idea that I was in love with him, the feeling grew more intense.

One day, I noticed that it had been weeks since he last texted. I soon began to worry. I decided to call him. After more than 20 rings, a young lady finally answered. I was so relieved to know that she was Jon's cousin. She then told me that Jon had left for the US.

After a month, Jon came back. He immediately texted me. I told him I was mad at him and didn't want to talk to him. But he was so earnest in saying he was sorry. He told me that he wanted to forget me because of bad past memories, but he just couldn't. And so he came back. He told me he loved me. I told him that it was not proper to tell me that over the phone. And so he insisted on seeing me. He went to our house in Cavite after a week.

We were really awkward at first, but I realized that my feelings remained the same. From that moment on, I knew that this man would be my man forever. It was past 11 in the evening when he left. He promised he'd come back two days later.

But he didn't return. He texted me and gave excuses, promising to see me after one week. And I waited again. But still no Jon. I confronted him and told him that if he really loved me then he wouldn't keep me hanging. He said it was his problem, that he was afraid to get seriously committed again. He asked me to wait until everything was fine.

It has been a month now since we had our last communication. I am so worried about him. I realized that he's really not in love with me. There were other guys who wanted to court me but I rejected them because I still want to be with Jon for the rest of my life. Will it be good for me to forget him, when in fact our relationship has not yet begun?

Sincerely,
Pam

Pam,

I'm afraid that all that you've said point to one undeniable fact—that Jon probably was never truly in love with you. Whatever it was that transpired during his visit to your house in Cavite was the turning point of your so-called "electronic" relationship. It is true that we can fall in love with a person without ever seeing his or her face. But for many, the permanence of the feeling is still dictated by the physical attributes of that person. This is what usually separates those who truly love and those who just believe that they are in love.

You didn't want to see him because you were afraid of falling in love. But the longer you allowed yourselves to be strangers to the eyes, the more intense your longing for each other became. What is to be loved is not what only the eyes can see, but what the heart can feel. After being convinced that you are both madly in love with each other, you finally decided to meet. Your feelings never changed, but his feelings did. Suddenly, he wasn't ready and he wanted more time. More time for what? Probably to tell you that it's all over.

Pam, I know that you love him, but if he doesn't share the same feelings for you, then you are just going to be miserably hoping for a relationship that was probably never there in the first place. Go out with your friends and entertain your suitors. Don't let one person who cannot decide for himself keep you from being truly happy. Jon doesn't love you. There is someone out there who will, but the only way to find him is to let go of your emotions, live in reality and move on with your life.

Pam, God teaches us to love but allows us to get hurt because sometimes that is the only way to learn. We do not get hurt for no reason at all. We fall and stumble so we can be better persons when we stand up again. Let us always remember that true love sees beyond the beauty that is skin deep. You'll know it's true when you can be plainly yourself, and still be loved just the same. Q

Epy

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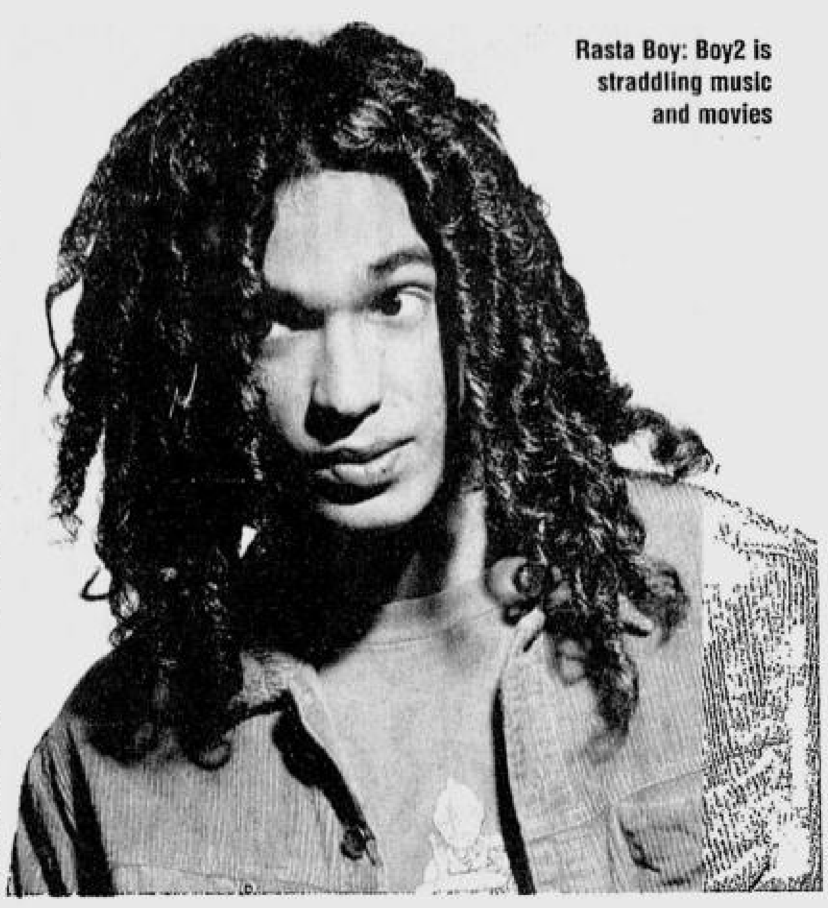

Rasta Boy: Boy2 is straddling music and movies

Except for his bleached-blond braids, 32-year-old Jeffrey "Epy" Quizon looks uncannily like the young Dolphy. He already has a solid body of work as an actor in "indie" films ("Radyo," *"Boso"*), but he has also dipped a toe in mainstream films ("Markova: Comfort Gay," "Lastikman") and television ("Quizon Avenue").

Born on the same date as his grandfather, Manuel "Boy2" Quizon, 20, is probably best known as July, the dreadlocked youth marketing icon from the Globe ad campaign. The son of Boy Quizon and great grandson of the late comedienne Dely Atay-Atayan, Boy2 is also making a stab at a mainstream showbiz career as a regular on "Bubble Gang," but right now he's more excited about making music. He recently launched his first album, "*Biyaheng* Reggae," on GMA Records, with instrumental backing from reggae band Indio I.

Same crowd

In spite of their age difference, Epy and Boy2 found themselves hanging out with the same crowd, going to the same gigs and in general sharing the same interests. That being the case, it seemed practical for them to share the same apartment. Since they already had the repartee and a group dynamic going, it was only natural that the Quizon boys team up for the project.

"They were asking me who would be good *na ka*-tandem *ko*," Epy recalls. "*Direk* Peque was thinking of several people, but as I was reading the script, I said, 'No, this should be me and Boy2.'"

After a brief audition, Gallaga and producer Tony Gloria agreed.

"Boy2 and I talked," recalls Epy. "We said, this time, let's not do it for the TF (talent fee), let's do it for the film. This is something new. We don't have a talent fee here. We consider it *taya* (a bet).

"Actually, our roles are similar to how we are in real life," he continues. "That's probably why Peque wanted us. It's still us, we just played with the emotions."

In "Pinoy Blonde," the duo play Andrew and Conrad Cunanan, two film geeks—one a Lino Brocka fan, the other an Ishmael Bernal partisan—who are asked to deliver a package, contents unknown, to a mysterious third party. On this slender thread, Gallaga manages to hang his disquisition on Filipino movies.

"It's the battle between sentiment and the intellect, the two reasons why we watch movies," says Epy. "The typical Ishmael Bernal film—'Give me something new that I can learn something from'—and the typical Lino Brocka film that says, fill my sentiments, make me cry or make me laugh."

How many of the 14-29 demographic, the core audience that "Pinoy Blonde" seems to be aiming for, are particularly conversant with Brocka and Bernal? It remains to be seen.

"Our goal is to veer away from the formula," says Epy. "It's always been our family's quest to know what's up, what's new, what's there to discover. My father was like that for several years, except that he's probably reached a turning point in his career, so *mas* laid-back *na siya*, *mas* relaxed. But everyone in my family had that upbringing."

Boy2 agrees. "I started young. I was eight years old when I started working with my grandfather. Compared to my generation, I learned different things from Dolphy—*kung baga*, hands-on training. But I also grew up with this guy. Ever since I was a small boy, Epy was around me. *Kung baga*, my brain was stretched, so when I grew up, it straightened out.

"I think I have an advantage, being from the younger generation," he continues. "A majority of that market don't care about Filipino films because they've lost interest. I hope "Pinoy Blonde opens the door again.'"

Another selling point that should make "Pinoy Blonde" a trainspotter's delight are the cameos. Everyone from G. Toengi to Eddie Garcia makes an appearance. Everyone, that is, except the obvious choice.

"We really wanted to have my father in it," says Epy. "I invited him to make a cameo. But the thing is, the set we were working on, an abandoned building in Intramuros, was dusty. That won't do anymore, he'll get asthma."

Instead, there's a tribute sequence featuring footage of Dolphy and Panchito, among other icons.

In a way, Epy and Boy2 are bringing the Quizon legacy into a new era.

"We were groomed as entertainers," says Epy. "It's not just making films or acting, it's entertaining. My father loved creating songs and dances—using his imagination to create something, and expressing it in a way that other people could enjoy it, at the same time making a living out of it. I guess that's my father's legacy, and it has become the family's motto."

Dream project

The Quizon boys have their own creative workshop, of sorts.

"We have this group called Makatha," he says. "Boy2 started with this group also. It's a collaboration of different artists. We set poems to music. *Parang naging* playground *namin yung* Makatha. We have an unfinished album, four years in the making."

One of the songs from that project is included in the "Pinoy Blonde" soundtrack.

Epy's dream project is to star in a remake of his father's 1964 classic "Pinoy Matador," perhaps shooting it in Tijuana instead of Madrid.

"I want to go there one month before shooting and really train to fight bulls," he says. "When my dad did it they sedated the bull, but it still chased him. My dad jumped over the bull fence."

In the meantime, however, there's a steady stream of indie films to make. Epy has acted in four so far this year, and he's already working on Unitel's next project, a comedy called *"Nasaan Si Francis?"* helmed by Gallaga protégé Gabby Fernandez and co-starring rockers Rico Blanco and Karl Roy, among others.

"I'm really happy with my career path," says Epy. "My father has always told me, do what you want to do with your life, as long as you are aware of your actions. Be responsible for your actions, because you carry the family name."

"I feel like a coin that's been flipped in the air," he continues. "*Ano ba talaga*—alternative or mainstream? But for me, that's what pushes my creativity—you try to push both sides of the coin." Q

Pinoy mod: Epy as fashion plate

This Week

Art

Kulay Diwa Art Galleries presents **Amanuesis**, a painting exhibit by Paul Eric Roca at the Black Gallery and **White Lies**, a performance by Jeho Bitancor at the White Main Gallery until July 11. Kulay Diwa is located at 25 Lopez Ave., Lopez Village, Sucat Parañaque. For details, call 578-5419.

Nuances, a series of oil on canvas works by Sandra Fabie-Gfeller at the Upper level of the Boston Gallery, 72 Boston St., Cubao, QC until July 20. For details, call 722-9205.

Sandra Fabie-Gfeller's "Nuances," on view at the Boston Gallery

The Last Glimmer of Summer, a series of paintings by Eric Diestro depicting the lush landscapes of the ancient town of Binangonan on the lakeshore of Laguna de Bay. Exhibit runs from July 9-28 at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila. For details, call 523-3331.

Last Night, Joanna Ledesma's first solo exhibit of paintings of nighttime street scenes, until July 20 at the Alcove space of the Boston Gallery, 72 Boston St., Cubao, QC.

Anomalous, RM de Leon's latest solo exhibit where the artist takes characters from pop culture, overlapping their imagery and bringing them into a darker realm, until July 29 at Galleria Duemila, 4/L, SM Megamall A. For details, call 634-3261.

Face: Phase, an exhibit presenting a two-faced installation of paintings by abstractionist Lindslee (Lindsey James Lee) until to July 31 at the Pasilio Guillermo Tolentino of the Cultural Center of the Philippines. For details, call 832-3702.

Music

Lounge enthusiasts will be treated to **The Company's** unique performance with a concert series at Merk's Bar Bistro, 3/L, Greenbelt 3, Makati City on July 5, 12, 19 and 26. The group will render well-loved tunes as well as today's top hits. For reservations, call 757-4720 and 757-4721.

Lineup of **performers at Fiesta San Miguel** of Dusit Hotel Nikko: Route 70 for "Retro Night" (Monday); Mocha and Spin Art for "Men N' Beer Night" (Tuesday); Silk (Wednesday); Kearney for "Swing Night" (Thursday); back-to-back performances of K24/7 and Passage (Friday), and Sing-a-Long with PS2 (Saturday). For inquiries, call 867-3333 local 3308.

Cinema

UP Film Institute screenings for July: "Ray" (July 5, 5 p.m.); "Diliman" (July 6, 5 p.m.); "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events'" (July 7, 5 p.m.); "The Aviator'" (July 8, 5 p.m.); "Alfie'" (July 12, 5 p.m.); "Super Size Me" (July 13, 5 p.m.); "2046" (July 14, 5 p.m.); "Fahrenheit 9/11" (July 15, 5 p.m.). The 1st CineMalaya Independent Film Festival will run from July 18-22. For particulars and possible added screenings, call 926-3640, 926-2722 (telefax) or e-mail upfilminstitute@hotmail.com.

Onstage

Catch **Ko Murobushi**, a renowned international Japanese Butoh dancer, as he stages a one-night only performance on July 5, 8 p.m. at the Tanghalang Huseng Batute (Studio Theater) of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Pasay City. Butoh is a futuristic dance form that merges the influences of Japanese traditional performing arts with Neue Tanze, a German Expressionist dance. Murobushi's performance is titled **Edge** and is an interpretation of the never-ending battle of the mortal body with the perpetual soul. Admission is free. For inquiries and reservations, please call The Japan Foundation, Manila at 811-6155 to 58.

Dulaang UP opens its theater season with Floy Quintos' **St. Louis Loves Dem Filipinos...The Musical**. The play is considered a contemporary classic that evolves around the events occasioned by the St. Louis World Exposition in Missouri in 1904. Cast includes notable stage and film personalities such as Leo Rialp, Miguel Castro, Arnold Reyes, Richard Cunanan, Ron Capinding, Rina Saporsantos, Mae Ann Valentin, Jake Macapagal and the Dulaang UP Ensemble. It will run from July 13 to 31 at the Guerrero Theatre, 2nd Floor, Palma Hall, UP Diliman. For tickets, call 926-1349 or contact Mai-Mai Quinto at 0916-6028231.

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Children's book author Carla Pacis will hold a **creative writing workshop for teens** for four Saturdays beginning July 9, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Lopez Memorial Museum, Benpres Building, Exchange Road cor. Meralco Avenue, Pasig City. The workshop delves into sounds of words, images created by words and the combination of these to create meaning or sense. Fee is P3,250 inclusive of materials. For reservations, call 631-2417.

Dulaang UP stages "St. Louis Loves Dem Filipinos...The Musical" at the Guerrero Theater

Renowned fantasy author **Neil Gaiman**, best known for the comic series "The Sandman," will be in Manila from July 8-11 for a book pitch with his fans. Gaiman will take part in a literary forum with writers, book illustrators and media on July 11, 1:30 p.m. at the Music Museum in Greenhills. He will also conduct public readings and sign autographs at the Rockwell Tent on July 9, and Fully Booked branches in Greenhills and Gateway Mall on July 10 and 11, respectively. Those who wish to attend the Writers Forum may call 914-1011 to 14. For inquiries, call the Neil Gaiman hotline at 898-0283.

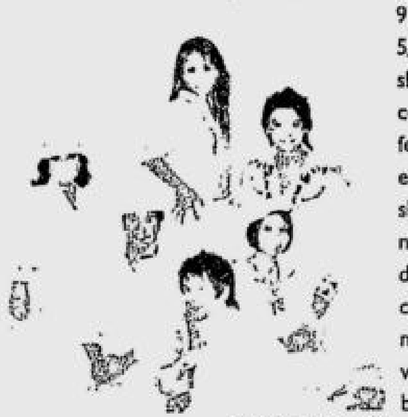
Join guide Ivan Man Dy as he horses around and takes visitors to **discover the culinary and historical delights of Manila's Chinatown** on July 9. Participants will meet inside the Binondo Church at 1 p.m. Slots limited. Tickets at P650/head. Text 0917-329-1622 or email oldmanilawalks@gmail.com to reserve.

The Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation is conducting a **hands-on course on digital photography** on July 9, 16, 23 and 30 at Comfoods Building, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., corner Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City. The workshop covers digital camera functions, correct exposure, flash in low light and bright light, digital file formats, pixel damage and preparing images for print, presentations and Web transmission. For details, call Lerma or Beverly at 843-5341 and 813-7420.

The Association of Booksellers for the Academe and the Professions will hold the **9th Philippine Academic Bookfair** on July 11-15 at the PTA Tent-Clamshell 2, General Luna Street, Intramuros, Manila. A total of 57 booths of the most reputable booksellers and international publishers await visitors. On display will be the latest, relevant, quality and fairly priced reference books on almost all subject areas. There will also be seminars for the continuing professional education of librarians and teachers. For inquiries, call 925-4572 (Lydia) or 927-9858 (Jenny).

The Filipinas Heritage Library has launched its first online book, **Meine Lieben: Swiss Letters from the Philippines 1919-1927**. "Meine Lieben" is a collection of letters written by Albert and Hans Irminger, Swiss expatriates who lived in the Philippines in the 1920s. The book, which includes accompanying text by writer Bernadette S. Oloroso, will also feature period photos and illustrations from 1920s Philippines. Every month, a new chapter from the book will be available on the Filipinas Heritage Library website and may be viewed free of charge. For updates on "Meine Lieben," log on to www.filipinaslibrary.org.ph.

Top coffee, tea and specialty beverage companies are gathering anew for the third **Coffee, Tea & Specialty Beverage Trade Show** from July 7-9 at the Megatrade Hall 1, 5/L, SM Megamall B. The show gives major and upcoming players in the coffee, tea and specialty beverage industries a venue to showcase their products, network with colleagues, dialogue with potential clients, and discuss what's new in the industry. There will be product sampling, brewing, cooking demonstration and the Philippine Barista Cup 2005. For inquiries, call 896-0682 and 896-0661.



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Ritual/Life, an exhibit of photographs from the book by Joachim Voss of Sagada rituals, specifically the Dangtey and Bégnas ceremonies taken between 1976 to 1982, until July 8 at the UP Galerya Kordilyera, Baguio City. For inquiries, email era@bgo.csi.com.ph.

Leading Manila-based computer and technology firms belonging to the Computer Manufacturers, Distributors and Dealers Association of the Philippines will showcase a wide array of technologies, solutions, and gadgets in a major **information and communications technology exhibit-sale** in Davao City on July 7-9 at the grand ballroom of Apo View Hotel. Special offer, including discounted rates, will be given to Expo visitors. For inquiries, call Gina Dimayuga at 750-9456.

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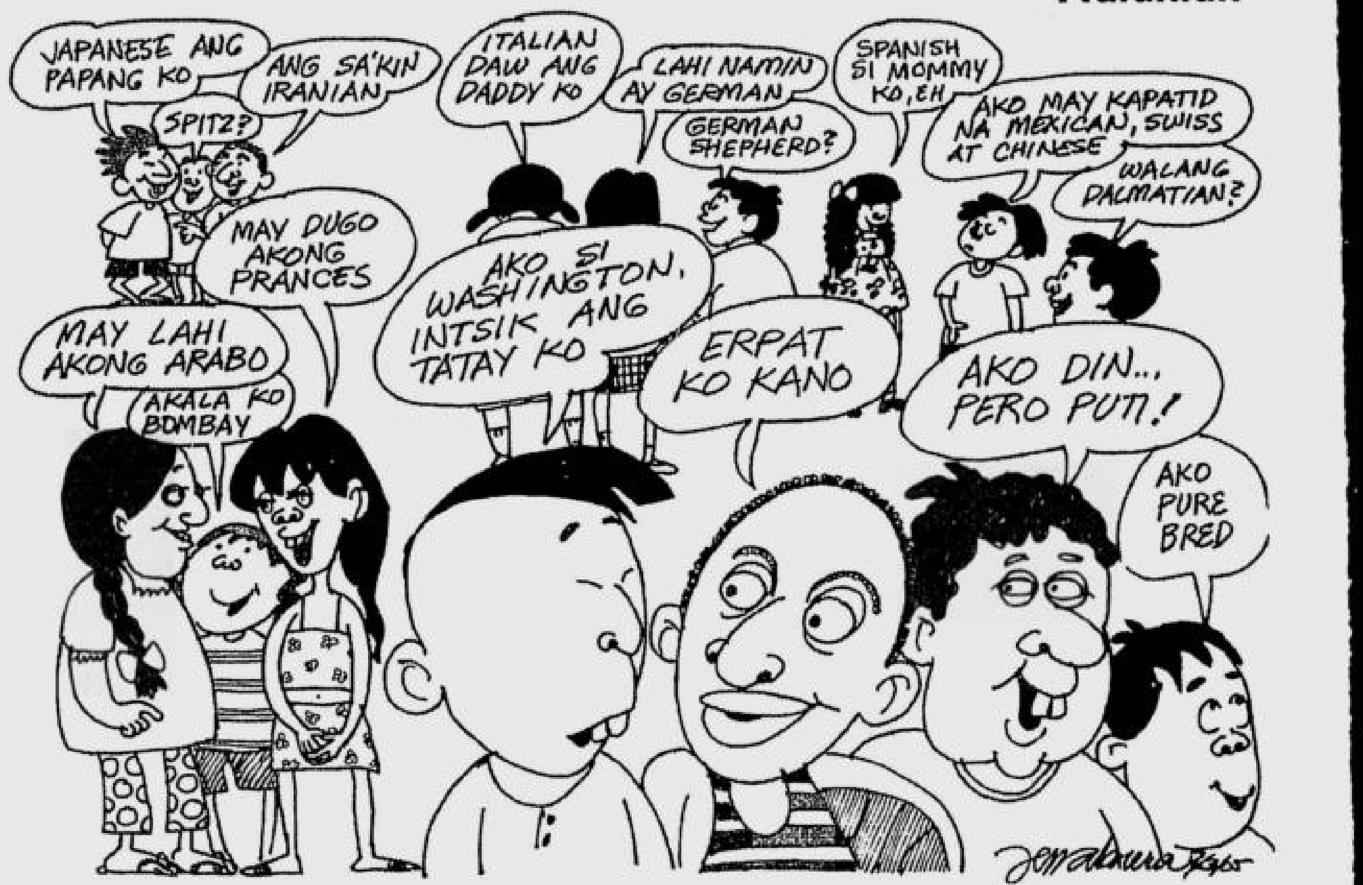

Noteworthy

From Textures to Tunes

Sculptor Ramon Orlina explores a new art form by putting together a musical dedicated to the Virgin Mary

RAMON Orlina walks into McDonald's very early one rainy morning and sits down to breakfast with a group of people to talk about...a musical. Yes, the renowned sculptor is putting together *"Ang Mapaghimalang Birhen ng Caysasay,"* to be staged at the Cultural Center of the Philippines this July 7-10.

The world had long been mesmerized by the images Orlina has formed using glass as his medium, but the other side of this artistic soul has not quite been revealed. Everyone knows Orlina's story as an artist, a study in perseverance. He had a particular fascination with glass, and found his medium when he found the leftover material at the Republic Glass Corporation (now Asahi Glass Philippines.). If he did not become an architect and a sculptor, he would have been a composer, Orlina says, as he plays the piano and can now perform most of the music Ryan Cayabyab created for the musical. He did not totally veer away from his "could have been" life, because, as Orlina says with pride, sculpture is "frozen music."

Mon's devotion to the Virgin of Caysasay is rooted in his being a Christian. He believes in her miracles, and believes that the reason he did well in life is because his mother prayed to the virgin too much!

The first time the Virgin took center stage was 76 years ago, in Taal, Batangas in 1929. The last was in 1954, at the FEU Auditorium in Manila.

The musical is directed by Nestor Torre, with music by Ryan Cayabyab. Cocoy Laurel, Ogie Alcasid, Ivy Violan, Tommy Abuel, Lou Veloso, painter Cheloy Dans, and other high-caliber theater performers complete the miracle. And Ramon Orlina is helping create art of yet another form.

Lira Poralan

Glass, says Orlina, is like "frozen music"

From Hardcourt

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ever, which eventually snagged him after battling it out with three other UAAP schools.

"He's very meek and humble but he's a competitor on court," recalls Zamar, who mentored Yap for three years.

The UE Warriors counted heavily on his abilities, and Yap responded by flashing his hot shooting hands. Although he never led his team to the Finals, there was no question about his individual talent when he bagged the 2003 MVP plum in his senior year.

It proved to be Yap's banner season, as he also played a key role in the RP Team's gold-medal victory in the 2003 Southeast Asian Games in Vietnam.

Thus, it seemed the most opportune time for Yap to move on to the pros. Yet many were still surprised when he decided to skip his fifth and final eligibility year in the UAAP for the PBA rookie draft.

For Yap, the decision was made easier when Zamar got fired as UE head coach. "I reminded him that his loyalty is to the school, not to me," Zamar says . "I told him to stay for one more year because with him, the team was consistent in the Final Four. *Pero kung ano ang gusto niya, gusto niya* (What he wants, he wants)."

The image may conjure a hard-headed Yap, but it's in fact far from true. As Zamar attests, the beefy cager remains a "do-gooder" who seems unaffected by the fame and honor coming his way.

Not only does Yap contribute to his family's finances, Zamar says, he also lends support to aspiring players.

"The less privileged players, *kinukupkop niya* (he'd take in)," shares Zamar. "When he was playing in the PBL, there were players from the province living with him. There were even Team B players from UE. I was surprised. He was helping other players."

Apparently, such kindness also translates on court. "What I admire in him is he's level-headed," says Gregorio. "Even if he knows he's the target and opponents play physical with him, he's cool-headed. *Maganda ang persona ng bata.*"

Unfortunately, Yap's "nice jock" personality doesn't fit in the extroverted world of showbiz. "He has to improve on his ability to communicate especially now that he's immersed not just in basketball," Gregorio surmises.

Yet even his coach agrees that it does take time to understand a complex player like Yap.

"I deal with him on court the same way I do off court," says Gregorio. "He rarely opens his mouth. He just shows what he can do. So I don't really have to motivate him through words. I just have to remind him."

So how in the world did this reserved cager ask for the Queen of Talk's hand in marriage? No one knows for sure. Well, at least, not until Aquino's next tell-all talk show.

Recently, Aquino did share highlights of their strange, 11-year-gap relationship. In one of those national TV confessions that everyone has grown accustomed to, she said, "It's hard to be honest to a Kris Aquino. *Si James ang unang lalaking nagkaroon ng paninindigan para sabihin kung ano siya at ano ang kanyang nakaraan.* (James was the first man who had the integrity to tell me what he is and what his past was like.) And for that, I love him."

A reformed and candid James Yap? Or maybe, one does become loquacious in love.

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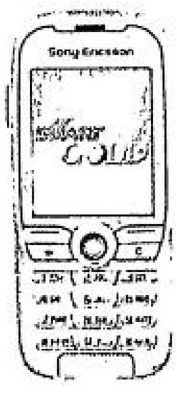
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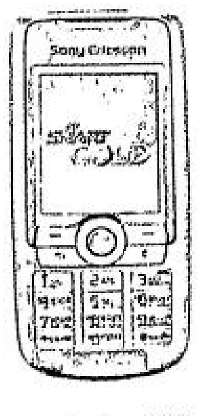
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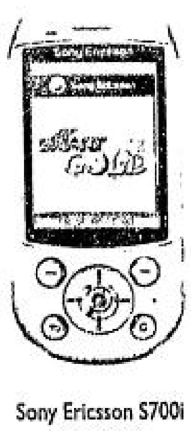
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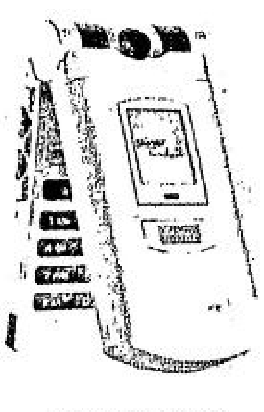
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